

Free role play

The free role play is intended not only to give the presenter practice in answering questions and formulating arguments in support of his/her views, but also in using tactful, diplomatic language to deal with “problematic participants”. It gives the participants practice in formulating questions and comments and also in interrupting the speaker.

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Task for the presenter

Choose one of the discussion topics from the list below and prepare a short (3-minute) presentation about it. It does not need to be very detailed, but use the basic presentation structure described earlier. Be prepared to deal with all kinds of questions and comments.

1. PhD students are underpaid and overworked.
2. Faculties of engineering should put in more effort to recruit women.
3. There is too much theory in the way maths is taught at our Faculty.
4. Work experience should become an integral part of both the Bachelor and Master study programmes.
5. The Czech Republic should reunite with Slovakia.
6. Private cars should be banned from Pilsen streets.
7. Communism isn't such a bad idea.
8. People who live in flats should not keep dogs.
9. The no-smoking rule should be lifted from the University.
10. Lectures should be divided into men-only and women-only.
11. The Czech Republic should re-instate its monarchy.
12. Re-introduce the death penalty for murder.
13. Using car seat belts should be a matter of choice.

Tasks for participants

Listen carefully to the presentation and be ready to formulate questions, comments and arguments when the presenter has finished. Use the polite phrases you have learned.