

Teens in the USA: San Diego – Justin – My first triathlon



Justin took part in the “Junior Reserve Officer Training Camp“ (JROTC) that the US Army offers for excellent students. In this camp members are training leadership skills. What do you think about such camps? Do you think it is a good idea that armed forces offer such camps? Take a minute to think about the questions. Then go to the corner that expresses your opinion best. Discuss your views with the other members in that group.

I strongly disagree

I agree



I disagree

I strongly agree

Procedure 4 corners:

- First of all think on your own. What do you think of the statement in the box? There are four positions, please decide on one of them. Note one or two arguments that refer to your position. There are signs for each position in the four corners of your classroom. Please go to the corner that expresses your opinion best.
- Standing in your corner, please share your reasons with the others in your group. When each of you finished presenting your ideas, come to an agreement on the most important arguments you want to present.
- Take notes as you listen. You may be asked to present your group arguments. The teacher will choose one person at random from each corner to present the arguments in class.

language support

For the discussion:

I'd like to suggest that... – The most important argument for/against... is... – It may be true that... but... – I see what you mean but... – On the one hand... on the other hand... – From my point of view... – I got the impression that...

Coming to an agreement in your group:

So what point should we share with the class? – I would say that ... is the key idea because... – I think that the argument that ... is important. – I suggest we include ... because ... – Several of us have talked about ... so that should be presented – What do you suggest? – I agree with...

Presenting results:

Our group came up with ... main reasons. – We gathered the following arguments... – First of all we thought... – Another important idea was... – We all agree that... – In addition... – So all in all... – Finally... – We came to the conclusion that...