**SPEAKING ACTIVITY I:** DEBATE

**TOPIC:** GRAFFITI - INSPIRATIONAL ARTWORK OR UNLAWFUL VANDALISM?

GRAFFITI ARTISTS

**PURPOSE:** to persuade the other parties that graffiti is a form of art and it should not be illegal anymore.

**Try to answer the following questions to defend your position effectively:**

* Why do you consider graffiti a form of art?
* What kind of messages do you want to communicate with your work?
* How do you decide on the areas or walls you want to paint?
* Does it matter that it is illegal?
* Does it matter whether the public understand the messages or not?
* Do you think you are a negative influence on younger generations?
* What are your suggestions/solutions?

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CITY COUNCIL

**PURPOSE**: to make a decision about the problem of graffiti in your city and come up with reasonable solutions to make everyone happy.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** You are in charge of this discussion, so you need to make sure that:

* you guide the discussion with your questions and comments
* every group gets equal chance in raising their arguments or defending their position
* everyone in the groups participate in the discussion
* you warn the ones that dominate the discussion

**Think about the following questions to come up with some suggestions:**

* Why is it important to solve this problem?
* What is your definition of vandalism?
* How are you going to differentiate between good and bad graffiti?
* What kind of solutions can make all parties happy?
* What will be the sanctions you will apply against violators?

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CITY RESIDENTS – FOR

**PURPOSE**: to persuade the other parties that graffiti is a form of art and that the city council should take some steps to encourage graffiti artists.

**Try to answer the following questions to defend your position effectively:**

* Why do you consider graffiti a form of art?
* Why is it important to encourage graffiti artists?
* Why shouldn’t city residents be disturbed by graffiti?
* Should graffiti be legalized? Under what conditions do you think it should be allowed?
* What are your suggestions for the city council?

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CITY RESIDENTS – AGAINST

**PURPOSE**: to persuade the other parties that graffiti is mere vandalism and it cannot be considered an art form. You want it to stay illegal and you want the city council to take some measures against graffiti.

**Try to answer the following questions to defend your position effectively:**

* Why do you consider graffiti as vandalism?
* How does graffiti harm property owners?
* How does graffiti harm public properties?
* What kind of influence does graffiti have on neighborhoods?
* How does graffiti influence younger generations?
* What are your suggestions for the city council?

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CLEAN CITY PLATFORM ACTIVISTS

**PURPOSE**: to persuade the other parties that graffiti is a crime and it causes a lot of harm concerning both city identity and the residents of the city. You want it to stay illegal and you want the city council to take some measures against graffiti.

**Try to answer the following questions to defend your position effectively:**

* Do you see any value in graffiti as an art form?
* How does graffiti harm city identity?
* How does graffiti harm the tourism potential of the city?
* How does graffiti affect the safety of certain neighborhoods?
* What is the cost of trying to keep it under control?
* What are your suggestions / solutions to keep it under control?