1 Ask your partner these questions.

1 What’s your favourite memory of your childhood?

2 What can you remember about the teachers you had when you were a child?

3 Why is it important to let children enjoy being children?

4 Why do you think Americans often don’t learn new languages?

5 Why is it important for you to be good at English?

1 What games did you like playing when you were a child?

2 What did you dislike doing when you were a child?

3 What was your favourite thing about school when you were a child?

4 What is the most difficult aspect of the English language for you?

5 Why is English such an important language in the world today?

Now talk about one of these statements, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

1 ‘Children today have too much freedom.’

2 ‘I remember many stories from my childhood.’

3 ’The English language will not be as important in the future as it is now.’

1 ‘Childhood is the most important part of everyone’s life.’

2 ‘Americans shouldn’t have to learn foreign languages.’

3 ‘It is not necessary for everyone to learn a foreign language.’