

# TALK IT OVER

This provides a good exchange of ideas on a number of topics. Divide into groups of three. Give each group a list of statements like below and give each person a stack of 10 cards. Have them number the cards one through 10. Students will choose one of the cards to represent their position on a scale of one through 10 as they discuss topics. To begin, one person in each group reads a statement from the list. Students decide how strongly they agree or disagree with the statement and choose a number that reflects their position. A 10 indicates total agreement; a one indicates total disagreement. When everyone has chosen a card, students reveal them all at once.

If the numbers shown are all within a range of two, the group doesn't need to discuss the issue-

although they can if they want to. If the numbers are further apart than two, they must talk over the issue.

After 30 minutes, have the entire group come back together and share which statements generated

the most discussion and which ones had the widest difference of opinion.

A variation is to have the kids use their fingers instead of using cards. For each statement, they would just show the appropriate number of fingers.

## Some sample statements:

- I would leave a party shortly after arriving if I were not having a good time.
- I would discuss my personal family problems With friends.
- There are some crimes for which the death penalty should apply.
- If I were offered a less satisfying job at 25 percent increase in salary, I would take it.
- Parents should stay home from a long-awaited party to attend to a
- I could forgive and forget if my mate were unfaithful.
- I think laundry is woman's work.
- I think any teenager who wants birth control should be allowed to get it with no hassle.
- I would ask a friend to stop smoking around me if the smoke bothered me. A parent should immediately defend a child if the other parent is punishing him or her unfairly.
- There should be no secrets between good friends.
- Housework done by the female is usually taken for granted by the male.
- I think there should be sex education in schools starting in kindergarten.
- I think there should be sex education in churches.
- Children should be spanked for some types of misbehavior.
- If a man enjoys housework and a woman enjoys a career, they should pursue these roles.
- It is a parent's duty to attend school functions in which their child is participating.
- I think it is important to remember birthdays of family and friends.
- I think it's okay for a 13-year-old to see an R-rated movie.
- Women With small children should not work unless it's a financial necessity.
- Marijuana should be legalized.
- Kids should not have to account for their allowance.
- Parents should regulate how much TV a small child can watch.
- School should eliminate the use of grades.
- I would say something if I saw a friend littering.