

Die Erfahrung zeigt, dass ungeübte Schülerinnen und Schüler mit dem geschickten Führen einer Diskussion (d.h. mit der Diskursfähigkeit) Schwierigkeiten haben. Folgende Ratschläge ebnen den Weg in die prüfungsgemäße Gesprächsführung.

Diskursfähigkeit – DOs and DON'Ts

DO

- Take an active part in the discussion.
- Give your partner the time and space to make his/her points.
- Encourage your partner to speak if he/she is keeping too quiet.
- React to and take up what your partner has said.
- Ask your partner questions / ask him/her to explain a point or give more detail.
- Help your partner out (e.g. if you see he/she is struggling to find a word).
- Make sure the discussion keeps flowing.
- Compromise with your partner (if appropriate).
- Stay polite and friendly at all times.

DON'T

- Embark on overlong speeches – it's meant to be a dialogue.
- Try to get the better of your partner (e.g. by interrupting or dominating the conversation).
- Allow your partner to dominate the discussion.
- Ignore what your partner has said.
- Repeat the same points over and over again.
- Allow the discussion to break off.
- Be rude or angry (this includes avoiding inappropriate language, e.g. swearing).

REMEMBER: IT'S ONLY BY WORKING AS A TEAM THAT YOU'LL GET THE BEST MARKS. BE ACTIVE AND CONSIDERATE.