

Focus Card

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OF THE CLASS.*

1. Boys usually start to think romantically (in terms of being physically attracted to someone) at a younger age than girls.

What do you understand by “thinking romantically”?

What reason(s) might someone give for disagreeing with this statement?

What is the link between hormones and puberty?

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2. It is normal for boys to have breast development during puberty

What is meant by “normal”?

What reason(s) might someone give for
disagreeing with this statement?

If a teenage boy is teased by his friends because
he has breast development, what does it say
about his friends?

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3. Most young people have had sex by the time they are sixteen.

Although this statement is not true for the UK, why might many people believe it is true?

If somebody aged 15 believes most teenagers have had sex by sixteen how might this affect they way they behave?

What advice would you give to a person who wanted to have sex because they thought everybody else was doing it?

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4. For most teenage boys it is more important to keep a good relationship going than to have sex.

What reason(s) might someone give for disagreeing with this statement?

This is probably a true statement – boys do want more from a relationship than sex. List some of the things that boys want from a relationship.

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5. Most teenagers, including lesbians and gays, want the same kinds of things from their romantic relationships.

Make a short list of things that are important in romantic relationships.

Circle the items on your list which are not important in other kinds relationships eg friendships, relationships with family, relationships at work

Write any reasons you can think of to explain why lesbians and gays might want different things from other people.

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**6. Over 50% of young people who have
sexual intercourse early, eg by the time they
are sixteen, regret it.**

What is meant by the word 'regret'?

Why might a girl aged 15 or younger want to have
sex?

Why might a boy aged 15 or younger want to
have sex?

Why might someone regret having sex?

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7. For teenagers, things happen very fast, they are bound to mess up from time to time – adults should let them get on with it.

What kinds of teenagers' mess-ups are parents most worried about?

Which mess-ups should adults just let teenagers get on with?

Which mess-ups are too serious for adults to let teenagers just get on with?

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8. There are many ways of pleasing yourself and your partner sexually other than having full sex.

Why might someone believe that the only really satisfying form of sexual contact with a partner is through full sex?

In what ways might TV and films make sexual intercourse seem like the only way to make love?

What effect might TV and films have on young peoples' ideas of what is "normal"?

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