

## **Adoption: Teaching suggestions**

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### **Activity 1**

**NB: Make sure that the students are happy to talk about this subject before starting the lesson.**

1. Do question 1 together in open class. Elicit answers like: when they can't conceive, if there are genetic problems in their bloodlines, if they are a same-sex couple, if they are single, etc.
2. Let the students begin their conversation in pairs or small groups.
3. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback.

### **Activity 2**

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Students work alone before checking in pairs or small groups.
3. Stop the activity and elicit feedback.

**Answers: 1. adoption 2. adopted 3. adoptive 4. adoptable 5. adopt**

### **Activity 3**

1. Let the students begin their conversation in pairs or small groups.
2. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback.

### **Activity 4**

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If your students don't have access to computers in the classroom, set this for homework.

**Answers: 1. Meg Ryan, Ewan McGregor, Julie Andrews and Mia Farrow. 2. Four. 3. See below.**

### **Quick Quiz**

Read the clues below and write the solutions on a piece of paper. Then take the first letter of each answer and rearrange them to find a word connected with this month's Talking Point subject: 'Adoption'

1. Like many non-famous people, these celebrities have chosen to expand their families through adoption – so why do they receive mixed reviews in the .....**press**.....?
2. Possibly because celebrity adoption is ...**not**.....as clear-cut as it seems. It seems to differ from ordinary adoption in at least four main ways.
3. Being .....**rich**....., celebrities can employ several adoption agencies at once and this may explain why they get quicker results.
4. In the press it is alleged that internationally famous people apparently prefer adopting children from.....**overseas**.....
5. It has also been suggested that the international adoptions carried out by famous celebrities ...**help**... to raise awareness of the problems faced by children in poverty-stricken countries.
6. Some celebrities seem to like adopting repeatedly. The ...**actress**..... Mia Farrow adopted ten!

**Answer: ORPHAN (O for Overseas [4], R for Rich [3], P for Press [1], H for Help [5], A for Actress [6], N for Not [2]).**

### **Activity 5**

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This activity can be set as homework to be followed up and consolidated in a future lesson generating more discussion. What did most students feel about the question? What reasons were put forward in each case? Did the students read anything which changed their minds on the topic? (etc.)

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