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Group Interaction

Your teacher has asked the Class Committee to plan the annual school trip. You and two other members of the Committee are discussing where the class should go and the activities that the Committee could organize for the students.

In your discussion, you may talk about:

- which place the class will most likely enjoy visiting
- why it will be attractive to them
- why it is a more suitable choice than others
- what activities could be organized for their fellow students, e.g. sports, music, fishing, bird-watching, wildlife tour, barbecue...
- anything else that you think is important

You may begin by saying:

We are going to discuss where the class should go for the annual school trip. First, let's talk about the place that we should visit.

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Teacher notes

Managing the assessments or extending the task

- Discussions could be digitally recorded to increase the accuracy of the assessment.
- If you decide to play a more active role, you could give less confident students verbal instructions for each step of the discussion.
- You and/or the students could add to, or delete from, the bullet point list.
- Note that the possible language structures, expressions, and vocabulary given below are
 not exhaustive. They are guides to show teachers some of the possible structures,
 expressions, and words students may choose to use.

Possible language structures and expressions:

1. Making suggestions

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"I think ..."

"I suggest ..."

"What about The Peak ..."

"How about having a barbeque ..."

"Shall we go to ..."

"Why don't we go to ..."
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2. Making comparisons

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"... cleaner than ..."

"... more expensive than ..."

"... as crowded as ..."

"... not quite as good as ..."

"...the best of all places..."

"...the worst suggestion..."
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3. Expressing agreement

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"I agree"
"That is true"
"Exactly"
'Absolutely"
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"You are right"

4. Expressing disagreement

"I am afraid I don't agree"

"I am not sure about that"

"I don't think so"

Possible vocabulary:

Deep Bay; Mai Po Wetlands; the Big Buddha; Chi Lin Nunnery; Stanley; Lamma Island; nature walks; attractions; wildlife; rocky; dangerous; safe; peaceful; beautiful view/scenery; expensive; economical; temple; vegetarian meals.