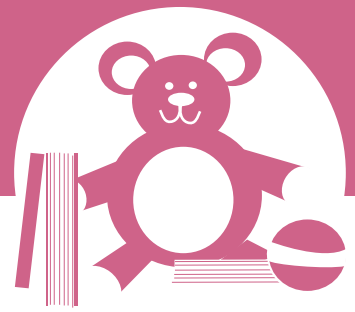


CHILDCARE

PROS AND CONS OF CHILDCARE

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

A small group debate on the merits of childcare, this is an opportunity for students to list reasons for and against daycare, and explain why. 12 points have been put on individual strips for students to arrange under the pros or cons headings. Students will probably not agree on the pro/con designation for each point and will need to share their opinions. Some of the points may seem obvious i.e. children often get more colds and infections, but this also means they tend to have fewer once they start kindergarten.

Examine both sides of each point.

*the vocabulary in this activity is difficult, so pre-teaching it (perhaps the day before) enables the students to better debate the topics and express their opinions.

**4 slips have been left blank for students to fill in additional points and arrange accordingly.

REQUIRED STRUCTURES: sharing opinions, agreeing and disagreeing

REQUIRED VOCABULARY: *pros, cons, heading, opinion, infections, socialized, affection, caregiver, trust, schedule, activities, first aid, control over*

GROUP SIZE: small group

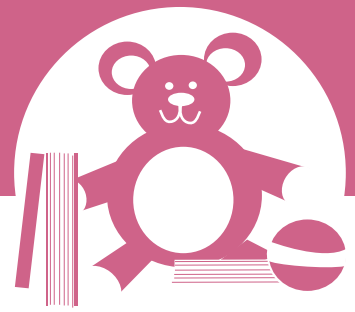
HANDOUTS: Pros and Cons worksheet (one per group), Pros and Cons list cut into individual slips (including 4 blanks) (one set per group)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED: none

RELATED GRAMMAR:

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

A writing assignment outlining the student's opinion regarding childcare, using some of the points from this activity



PROS & CONS LIST

- CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND ARRANGE ON PROS & CONS WORKSHEET

CHILDREN OFTEN GET MORE COLDS AND INFECTIONS

CHILDREN GET AFFECTION FROM OTHER CAREGIVERS

CHILDREN ARE AWAY FROM HOME

CHILDREN PLAY WITH NEW TOYS

ESL CHILDREN LEARN ENGLISH (OFTEN FASTER THAN THEIR PARENTS!)

CAREGIVERS HAVE FIRST AID TRAINING

CHILDREN GET SOCIALIZED WITH OTHER CHILDREN

CHILDREN LEARN TO TRUST OTHER ADULTS

CHILDREN MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT SCHEDULE FROM HOME SCHEDULE

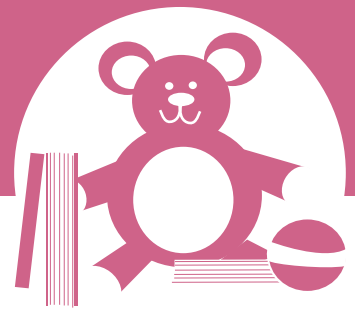
CHILDREN LEARN NEW ACTIVITIES

DAYCARE CAN BE EXPENSIVE

**PARENTS HAVE LESS CONTROL OVER WHAT THEIR CHILDREN DO, EAT,
AND LEARN DURING THE DAY**

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WORKSHEET

PROS & CONS WORKSHEET

Decide with your partner(s) which parts of daycare you think are good (the Pros), and which are bad (the Cons). Move the paper slips with the topics under the Pros heading if you think it is helpful to children and families, or under the Cons heading if you think it can hurt them. Remember: Not everyone will agree, so be ready to explain why you have your opinion.

PROS

CONS