

Bring on the World

Day 5 Morning session: Thinking about competition

Activity 1: Good competition, bad competition

Time required: 30 min

You will need

- Plain A3 paper (two sheets per group of four)

Aim

- To enable pupils to reflect on different opinions about an issue.

What to do

Put pupils into groups of four. Ask one pair to write the heading 'Good points about competition' on their A3 sheet and ask the second pair to head their sheet 'Bad points about competition'. Before you begin, make sure that all pupils understand what is meant by competition (give examples) – the key factor being that there are winners and losers.

Give each pair a few minutes to brainstorm as many good or bad aspects of competition as they can. Then ask them to swap their sheets with the other pair in their group of four and spend a few more minutes adding ideas to the second sheet.

Discuss the ideas as a class – listing the good and bad points on a chart on the board for all to see.

Further work

Brainstorm the advantages and disadvantages of co-operation in the same way.