



## THEMENPOOL ENGLISCH– 2017/18

	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Aspects</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arts and Literature</b>	<i>traditional vs. modern art, what is art? (definition?), importance for life, theater, plays, different types of literature (fiction, non-fiction), benefits of reading, book/film comparison, famous authors/actors/producers, music genres, music festivals, visual art (paintings, sculptures), short historic overview, famous galleries, famous representatives</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>Consumer Society</b>	<i>advertising: functions, restrictions, strategies, media, examples, target groups; throwaway society, planned obsolescence, consumer behavior, shopping behavior, anti-consumerist movements (e.g. freeganism, plasticarians)</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Culture and Identity</b>	<i>culture, traditions, comparison of different cultures, different ways of living, communication, benefits, problems, challenges, cultural misunderstandings, pros and cons of a "united" culture, search for personal identity, rites of passage, culture clash, culture shock</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fashion and Trends</b>	<i>importance of fashion for young people, peer pressure, other trends (e.g. technical, music, lifestyle), comparison of different countries, future trends beauty business: models, plastic surgery, beauty shows, money, effects on society</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>Globalization</b>	<i>developing countries: infrastructure, education, employment, health, responsibility, child labor definition of globalization, pros and cons, personal benefits, influence on everyday life, globalization = freedom?, economy</i>



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<b>6</b>	<b>Growing Up and Education</b>	<i>different ways of raising children (laissez-faire, authoritarian etc.), family: family patterns, different kinds of families, challenges families face, purpose of family, change, adoption, foster families, future development, values</i> <i>teenage problems, challenges, changes, society, teenage interests, rules/regulations concerning teenagers in different English-Speaking countries (curfew, drinking age, driving, voting), generation gap, youth culture,</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>Health</b>	<i>food and beverages, food pyramid, organic products, fair trade, junk food, fast food, slow food, different needs, vegetarians, vegans, sleep, stress, mental and physical health, traditional/alternative medicine</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>Living and Lifestyle</b>	<i>comparison city – countryside: infrastructure (e.g. public transport, medical care, shopping, education), culture, sports, nature; different housing (e.g. bungalow, apartment, detached house); what makes a home "home", homelessness, standard of living (comparison to other countries), future trends (e.g. material, heating, location)</i> <i>pastime activities, importance of leisure time, change and future development, stress, money, different age groups, comparison of different countries, work-life balance, different lifestyles</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>Media and Communication</b>	<i>different forms (television, radio, Internet, newspapers) and their advantages/disadvantages, teenage media use, censorship, manipulation, freedom of speech, analysis of newspapers, comparison of quality and yellow press, freedom of the press</i> <i>different ways of communication (letter, fax, phone, e-mail, texting, apps etc.) and their benefits/problems, (violation of) privacy, surveillance, face-to-face communication, future development, changes in language, universal language</i> <i>social networks: social media, different types, benefits, possible future development, risks, cyberbullying, examples, comparison of different types, target group, leisure vs world of work</i>



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<b>10</b>	<b>Modern Technologies</b>	<i>energy: different forms (wind, water, sun, nuclear, biomass, oil, coal, wood pellets), advantages and disadvantages of the different forms, future perspective benefits, problems, different examples (e.g. medicine, media), future development</i>
<b>11</b>	<b>Nature and Environment</b>	<i>pollution and conservation: different types of pollution (air, water, soil, noise, light, thermal, radioactive), global warming, national and international measures against pollution, waste management importance/benefits of nature for our lives, importance of protecting nature, personal contribution to protection, influence of environment on our lives, responsibility</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>Politics and Public Institutions</b>	<i>types of government (e.g. democracy, republic, monarchy, aristocracy, dictatorship), voting, social benefits (family allowance, unemployment benefit etc.), social security, healthcare, what makes a good politician, rights and duties/responsibilities</i>
<b>13</b>	<b>Pursuit of Happiness</b>	<i>what is happiness?, different ways to happiness: education, career options, job and/or family, freedom, peace, responsibility (future generations, nature, other countries/people)</i>
<b>14</b>	<b>Rules and Punishment</b>	<i>definition of crime, categories of crime and punishment, purpose of punishment, alternatives to imprisonment, importance of rules and regulations, capital punishment (facts and figures, pros and cons)</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>Schools, Universities and Work</b>	<i>different schools/education systems, tuition fees, cheating, plagiarism, ideal school, importance of education, teacher/student/parent responsibility and/or relationship, current changes in Austria, standardized exams, learning environment; different jobs and skills needed, summer jobs, equal rights and payment (men – women), women and career, rights and duties of employers/employees, working environment</i>



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<b>16</b>	<b>Society and Social Groups in the Past, Present and Future</b>	<i>different religions, discrimination, minorities, asylum seekers, refugees, different age groups, generation gap, inequalities (e.g. men – women, poor – rich) importance of traditions, teenagers and traditions, traditions in Austria, comparison of most important traditions in different countries, influence of traditions from other countries on Austria changes in society (e.g. gender roles, childhood, marriage, housing), future development</i>
<b>17</b>	<b>Sports and The Olympic Idea</b>	<i>different classifications of sports, extreme sports, doping, sportsmen as role models, advertising, money, politics, values Olympic history, values, Olympic idea, relevance these days, money, politics, fair play</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>Travel and Tourism</b>	<i>advantages/disadvantages of tourism, importance and impact on country/region, different forms of tourism, reasons for traveling, different forms of traveling, benefits of traveling, future trends, problems, culture clash, culture shock, cultural misunderstanding, economy</i>