



# GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM DISCUSSION

- Come to class on time and prepared.
- Speak in the target language at all times.
- Do not monopolize the activity. Let your classmates participate in the discussion.
- Do not use your phone for translation purposes (or any other purpose).
- Do not attempt to translate new vocabulary into your native language and vice-versa. Try using illustrations and examples instead. Remember, the goal is to think in the target language.
- Let others finish what they are saying: do not cut off or interrupt your classmates.
- Be positive, and don't laugh at or be impatient with each other! Work with each other to create a safe and welcoming learning environment for all.
- Be sensitive not to offend people who do not share your values or beliefs. In the U.S., it is unlawful to discriminate against a person based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation. Moreover, we have a moral obligation to respect one another.
- When speaking about personal experience and opinions, consider that your personal experience may differ from others'. Keep an open mind and consider it an opportunity to learn from one another.