

M4 Exercise “Do children have the same rights and obligations as adults?”

The teacher writes the following questions on the flip chart. Then asks students to choose one or more questions to reflect on. After choosing the questions, the teacher divides students into groups and asks them to discuss on the topics arisen by the questions and to make notes about them. Finally, the teacher asks students to share each other their own conclusions.

1. Do children have the right to food? Do they have the right to housing? Do adults also have those rights? What about the obligation of eating? Do adults and children have the obligation to eat?
2. Do children have the right to work? Do adults have the right to work?
3. Do adults have the obligation to work? Do children?
4. Do children have the right to play?
5. Do adults have the right to play?
6. Do children have the obligation to play? Do adults have that obligation? Do parents have the obligation to play? Do parents have the obligation of playing with their children?
7. Do children have rights? Do they have obligations?
8. Do adults and children have the same rights and obligations?

When dealing with the topic of child labor, we must bear in mind that article 32 of the 2006 Convention states: “States, Parties recognize the right of the child to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child’s education, or to be harmful to the child’s health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development”. <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CRC.aspx>



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