TEENAGE PREGNANCY DEBATE

For each of the following statements, stage a short 2-minute debate. The class should be divided into pairs. It does not matter how the person really feels about the issue, he/she will have to debate the pro or con side assigned to him/her. The older person will agree with the statement, the younger will disagree with it. The teacher should cut the statements into strips (or write them on cards) and randomly distribute them to the classroom pairs. All statements deal with circumstances that may lead to teenage pregnancy.

1. Double dating helps prevent teenage pregnancy.

2. The clothes you wear on a date influence your physical involvement.

3. Being alone in the car as a couple together does not lead to early physical involvement.

4. Steady dating can lead to early pregnancies.

5. There is nothing wrong with just the two of you studying in the bedroom.

6. Watching R rated, explicit movies has nothing to do with early physical involvement.

7. Suggestive dancing is just a fad—no danger there.

8. It is exciting to date older guys/girls because they know the cautions of physical involvement.

9. It is old-fashioned to tell your parents where you are going on a date.

10. If you really love the person, it is okay to be physically involved.

11. Doing drugs or drinking together increases physical involvement.