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 2. Have learners list all the different groups of people who are involved in the situation (e.g. politicians, local residents, business owners).
 3. Have them agree on the five groups of people most affected by this particular problem or change.
 4. Divide the class into five groups and tell each that they are representing one of those sets of people they have selected.
 5. The students in each group discuss the views that the people they are representing would have on this issue.
 6. They present their views to the wider group. Other groups comment on and question the views presented.
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