Supplementary file S1

TASK INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:

Task 1

You are local councillors who need to discuss ideas for a new building site that will provide homes for people whose houses were destroyed in a recent massive gas explosion. You have 10-15 minutes to discuss your ideas, which one of you will then present in five sentences to the whole class.

(Prior to this task, the students read a newspaper article reporting on an explosion and fire that caused three large buildings of apartments to collapse.)

Task 2

You have been given a task to establish a new magazine that will attract young readership. Each of you has to choose a role you will take up in an editorial team. Think of your own interests, what you prefer reading, and what are the interests of most young people you know. That might give you direction to the kind of magazine you will choose. What tasks would you prefer to take in this team? What are your strengths and weaknesses?

You have 15-20 minutes to discuss your roles, and one of you will then present your magazine in three sentences to the whole class.

(Prior to this task, the students watched a video about a day in life of a news reporter)