

Discussion Cards

Use the statistics and questions below as a starting point for group discussions, to gain a greater understanding of literacy.



1 in 8

disadvantaged children in the UK say that they don't have a

book of their own.

Discussion Questions:

1. As a young child, what part did books play in your life?
2. Why is having books in the home important?
3. How does economic disadvantage lead to a lack of literacy skills?
4. What are the consequences of children not having access to books?
5. Whose responsibility is it to ensure children have access to books?

Source: literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy



Children born into communities with the most serious literacy challenges have a life expectancy up to

26.1 years shorter

than those born in areas with the fewest literacy challenges.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think this is?
2. How do literacy skills relate to life chances?
3. What are the socioeconomic consequences of long-term, poor literacy skills?
4. Are employers more likely to hire someone who is considered well-read? Why/why not?
5. How do literacy skills contribute to a person's life satisfaction?

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