

CARD 1

TASK 2: INTERACTION

CANDIDATE A AND B

Preparation time: **2 minutes**

Speaking time: **4-5 min**

TOPIC: YOUTH CRIME

Consider the statements below on the topic of youth crime.

1. Talk to each other about how these statements represent different aspects that may contribute to youth crime.
2. Then try to choose the most important aspect to consider when trying deal with this issue.

- Some young people get into crime as a form of rebellion against parental authority and due to peer pressure. Youth people may choose to commit crimes as a way to show their independence of the 'adult' world and getting attention and respect from peers.
- Several research articles suggest that one of the reasons why youth choose to commit criminal acts is because of poverty, which is usually linked with social class.
- Other studies have found that individual risk factors also play a role in the behaviour of the youth, including impulsivity, attention problems, low intelligence and low school attainment.

Remember that you must talk about all three statements. You don't have to reach an agreement, but you should support your opinions with arguments.