**Category: Current/Social issue** 

**Topic: Abortion** 

	Questions	Sample sentence patterns
1	What is abortion?	
2	Is abortion legal or illegal in your country?	✓ Yes, it's legal under certain circumstances, such as
3	Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal? Why?	✓ I think that the unborn people have just as much right to live as babies or elderly people or handicapped people.
4	Do you think there are any special cases in which abortion is acceptable?	✓ Yes. If the continuation of the pregnancy will result in the death of the mother, it may be acceptable.
5	Is abortion a social problem in your country?	✓ Yes, the abortion rate is very high, and we have the problem of baby girls being aborted more than baby boys.
6	Is abortion dangerous?	✓ Yes, not only can it result in physical harm but inevitably in psychological trauma for the mother.
	Questions for more advanced learners	
7	If you were the parent of a young teenage girl who became pregnant - what advice would you give her?	
8	Is it important to have a male in the family to continue the bloodline?	

9	According to your religion is abortion permitted or not?	
10	If a young teenage girl becomes pregnant as asks her doctor for an abortion - should the doctor have an obligation to tell her parents?	
11	If you weren't married but got pregnant, would you consider abortion?	

Before coming to the service hour, you may try the following resources to get prepared...

## Words and expressions

controversial 有爭議的 pro-life 反對墮胎(主張胎兒的生命權) fetus/foetus 三個月後的胎兒 argument 爭論 murder 謀殺 legalize 使...合法/正當

pregnancy 懷孕 religious belief 宗教信仰 pro-choice 贊成墮胎(主張女人的自由選擇權) innocent 無罪的

## Resource online

a) Reading: Abortion

b) Reading: BBC Ethics guide - Abortion

c) TED talks: <u>Violence against women—it's a men's issue</u>

d) TED talks: Let's put birth control back on the agenda