Step 1: Presenting a position

Me: Hey, I'm excited to talk about what we want to do after we finish Form 9. I'm thinking about going to secondary school. One reason is that secondary schools offer a broader education, which I think will help me in the long run. Also, I want to stay with my friends from school. I think it's important to have their support. Plus, going to secondary school can open up more opportunities for me to go to university later on. And it's nice that most secondary schools are close to where I live, so I won't have to travel far every day. What do you think?

[Listen to partner's position and make notes]

Partner: Well, I've been thinking about what to do after Form 9, and I'm leaning towards going to a vocational school. One big reason is that I believe it's beneficial to have a profession before going to university. Vocational schools offer practical training that can help me start working sooner and gain valuable experience in a specific field. Plus, I think it's exciting to learn alongside new friends and classmates who share similar career interests. Building these new relationships can provide support and networking opportunities for the future. Additionally, focusing on a specific profession early on can help me stay motivated and focused on my long-term career goals. And let's not forget about the possibility of earning money faster by entering the workforce sooner. These are some of the reasons why I'm considering vocational school. I'm curious to hear your thoughts on this.

Step 2: Discussion

Me: Thanks for sharing. Why do you want to go to vocational school instead?

Partner: Well, I think vocational school is good because it teaches practical skills for specific jobs. I like that it's more hands-on and the classes are smaller.

Me: Have you thought about how going to vocational school might affect your chances of going to university later?

Partner: Yeah, I've thought about it. I think vocational school can still help me get into higher education if I want to later on. Some vocational schools even offer ways to keep learning while you work.

Me: Got it. Maybe we should talk to our teachers or career counselors to get some advice?

Partner: Definitely. It would be good to get some help in figuring out what's best for us.

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