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## Topic Teamwork

**Directions:** Read the short story below. Then answer the questions that follow by choosing the best answer (A-D). Think about which topics are appropriate for a group discussion and which are not.

During social studies class, Mr. Rivera asked his students to talk about community helpers. Mia started by saying, "I think firefighters have one of the toughest jobs." Jamal nodded and said, "My cousin is a firefighter, and he works long hours." Sofia added, "I want to be a doctor someday so I can help people." Then Ethan said, "My older brother got in trouble last week, and it was really bad." The group went silent for a moment before Mr. Rivera reminded everyone to keep the discussion focused on community helpers.

1. What was the main topic of the group discussion?
  - A. Jobs that help the community
  - B. Family problems
  - C. Weekend plans
  - D. Funny stories
2. Which student changed the topic?
  - A. Mia
  - B. Jamal
  - C. Sofia
  - D. Ethan
3. Why was Ethan's comment not appropriate for the discussion?
  - A. It was off-topic and too personal
  - B. It was about helping people
  - C. It was about a job
  - D. It was interesting to everyone
4. What did Mr. Rivera remind the group to do?
  - A. Stop talking about work
  - B. Focus on helping each other
  - C. Stay on the topic of community helpers
  - D. Leave class early
5. Which student gave a response that matched the group topic?
  - A. Ethan
  - B. Sofia
  - C. No one
  - D. Mr. Rivera