

# ‘Smarter...Greener...Safer...’

## ‘SMART AGENT’

### GAME INSTRUCTIONS

Your family and friends know what you do on a daily basis. However, nobody knows you're in an elite Secret Service Academy. Your education is coming to an end and your last task is the final practical exam on gathering information and keeping the conspiracy in secret. The task will determine the best graduate - "SMART AGENT". It's a unique chance for you to prove yourself. The graduates with the title of the "SMART AGENT" always get the most prestigious tasks of the highest national importance.

### THE EXAMINATION

As part of the exam, you were sent, along with other adepts, to a congress on the environmental crisis. Officially, you're there as a regular worker but you need to accomplish a special secret mission. The main topic of the mentioned congress are the advantages and disadvantages of using renewable energy. The idea of the congress is to find the best solutions to environmental problems.

During the panel, the most prominent experts showed their opinions. The most important conclusions from their statements are as follows:

| OPINION of Expert 1   | OPINION of Expert 2  |
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| Renewable energy is eco-friendly. Its major advantage is that it is renewable so it will never run out. Renewable energy facilities generally require less maintenance than traditional generators because they depend on natural and available resources. Because of that the costs of operation are reduced. Renewable energy produces little or no waste products, such as carbon dioxide or other chemical substances, so it has minimal impact on the environment. Renewable energy projects can also bring economic benefits to many regions. The regions become energy self-sufficient. The emission of harmful substances is reduced and local tourism is increasing. The pollution of the environment is reduced. The natural resources are going to be finished soon so renewable energy is the only alternative to produce energy in the future. | One disadvantage of renewable energy is that the amount of energy (electricity) that can be generated is not as large as that produced by traditional fossil fuel generators. It means that we may need to build more energy facilities. Some renewable energy technologies totally depend on the weather (e.g. sun and wind) and because of this can be used only in certain areas. If the atmospheric conditions are not good enough, renewable energy technologies cannot generate enough or any electricity. Building renewable energy generation facilities requires huge financial investment. Installation of wind turbines, solar panels and hydroelectric plants are relatively expensive. They will not last forever and the investment may not pay off. Also, the electricity generated needs to be delivered to towns and cities and this means additional costs of installing e.g. power lines. Wildlife could be affected. |

Your first task in the secret case is to choose the opinion which is closer to your beliefs. The effectiveness of the agent goes along with many important factors such as their scientific knowledge, environmental awareness and entrepreneurial skills such as the ability of listening to others, drawing conclusions, decision making.

### THE GOAL OF THE MISSION

Your goal is to uncover as many agents' opinions as possible. You need to do research which will help you find out which opinion they are in favour of. IMPORTANT: You **can't** ask direct questions e.g. Do you agree with Expert 1 or 2? You have to ask questions which are only related to the topic and will help you discover the other agent's opinion, e.g. Does your region get a lot of sunshine?, As a tourist, do you like visiting unspoilt natural areas?, Is there a lot of pollution in your area and what can be done about it?, etc. While trying to uncover the others, don't let them uncover you. While answering the others' questions don't make it too easy for them to discover which opinion you agree with.

We are about to start the game. Try to talk to as many participants of the congress as possible.

### ADDITIONAL TIPS

Remember about the conspiracy while having face to face conversations. Join two people speaking only if you do not have your own pair. If someone joins your pair, after finishing the discussion with the first speaker, you can split and find a new one.

Be careful, don't ask directly for your partner's opinions. It's unlikely that someone will be willing to give them away. Ask about some side issues which can guide you to the right path. Such as for example, whether they walk to school or go by bus, etc.

A good agent can adapt to new situations and conversations in a natural manner so that the others can feel comfortable in their company. That's why you need to use all the techniques you know.

During the conversations, while answering questions (but not the direct ones) tell the truth because this will be verified.

### **DETERMINING THE SMART AGENT**

In the chart below you have to systematically write the names of the people whose opinions you uncovered during the conversations. You can't show your notes to the other agents. At the end of the mission, points will be given according to the following rules:

- you will receive one point for each person correctly matched with their opinions
- you will lose one point for each person incorrectly matched with their opinions

The winner will be the person who will correctly match the highest number of agents with their real opinions. They will receive the title of the "SMART AGENT".

| Name | Opinion |
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