

## ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

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#### Hot Topics

1. Is Ramadan celebrated in your country? What happens during Ramadan?
2. Around the time of Ramadan, many Muslims say they have special dreams. Have you ever had a special dream or spiritual experience?
3. In pairs, describe a person whom you have *faith* in. How do you know you can trust them?
4. Can you think of a time when you lost *faith* in someone? What happened? *In threes*
5. Is it possible to remain *faithful* to your husband/wife for the whole of your marriage?
6. Since being away from home. Who has been a faithful friend to you? What have they done?
7. Who do you have *faith* in:
  - a) political leaders?
  - b) parents?
  - c) employer?
  - d) friends?
  - e) God?

7. The Bible defines *faith* as:  
“*Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*”

For example it is by *faith* we understand that the universe was made by God or by faith we believe the theory of evolution.

7. Are you certain of what you do not see? For example the wind, love, God... why or why not?

#### Vocabulary

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