

## Unit 10: Stand Up for Your Rights

### Task 1 Overview:

“A right exists because ...”

1. To protect people
2. To create fairness
3. To avoid chaos
4. To control power
5. To give freedom

#### **Types of Rights:**

- Human rights (basic rights for everyone)
- Civil rights (rights within a country)
- Political rights (voting, protesting, participation)
- Social & economic rights (education, work, healthcare)

#### **Group question:**

1. Which type is most important?
2. Which type causes the most conflict?
3. Which type do young people use the least?

### Task 2:

1. “A right you have in Austria that does not exist in the USA (or UK)”
2. “A protest that changed a law”
3. “A legal right that most people misunderstand”
4. “A company that was criticised for violating workers’ rights”
5. “A student protest in Europe in the last 5 years”

### Task 3:

**Choose one of the following and prepare a 2 minute speech explaining your view.**

1. **School & workplace rights**  
Dress codes, speech, strikes, unpaid internships, surveillance at work.
2. **Digital life**  
Who owns your photos? Can teachers or employers check your social media?
3. **Gender & identity**  
Same rights on paper, different reality in practice.
4. **Climate protest**  
Is blocking a road ever justified?
5. **Everyday power**  
When is it smarter to fight, and when is it smarter to stay quiet?

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## Task 4 Overview:

This speaking task focuses on rights, responsibility, and real-life consequences.

You will describe a situation, explain reasons, and give a balanced opinion. Try to speak clearly and logically. Use examples where possible.

### Part 1 - Describe a Situation

**Describe a situation where a person has a legal right, but using this right could cause problems.**

You may choose a situation related to:

- School or education
- Work or training
- Social media
- Protests or public opinion
- Everyday life

**In your answer, say:**

- What the right is
- Who has power in this situation
- What could realistically happen

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### Part 2 - Explain

**Explain why people sometimes do not use their rights, even in democratic countries. You may think about:**

- Fear of consequences
- Social pressure
- Authority (teachers, employers, institutions)
- Lack of information

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### Part 3 - Decide & Analyse

**Do you think protecting yourself is sometimes more important than standing up for your rights?**

**You should:**

- Give one reason for
- Give one reason against
- Give your own conclusion

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**Useful Language:**

*“legally allowed / against the rules”*

*“in theory / in practice”  
“power imbalance”*

*“possible consequences”  
“to speak up / to stay silent”*