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Speaking Out

An extension of "Students speaking out for their lives"

The recent killing of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School has shocked its students into starting a nationwide movement to demand stricter gun control laws. Let's take a closer look at this movement and the sale of guns in the United States.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read "**Students speaking out for their lives**" (page 9, *What's Up* March 2018) carefully and answer the following questions in the boxes below.

Q. How many Americans are killed by guns in the United States (US) each year? A.
Q. What is the estimated number of guns that are currently owned by people in the US? How easy or difficult is it to purchase a gun there? A.
Q. Can young people buy guns? A.
Q. What are the students of MSD High School demanding for? A.

2. Many in the US believe that ordinary people should be allowed to own guns to enable them to protect themselves and their properties. There are also many people who believe that their country would be safer if ordinary citizens did not have guns. Both sides of this big debate have good points to support their views. Countries like Japan and Singapore however, believe that arming their police and military is sufficient protection. So, ordinary citizens are not allowed to own guns here except under very special circumstances.

- Q. In groups of six, discuss the following:
What is your view about the MSD students demanding stricter gun control in their country? What are your hopes for these brave survivors of the school shooting?