

DEBATING

A formal debate is conducted with two teams of three members who each follow specific roles. The **affirmative** team speaks in favour of the topic and the **negative** presents the opposing arguments.

The First Speaker (Affirmative team)

- Introduces the topic
- Defines key words in the topic
- Outlines the team's case
- Identifies team split (which speakers will be addressing each main area of the case)
- Provides examples to support contention
- Lays foundations for the second speaker

The First Speaker (Negative team)

- Argues against the points raised by the first speaker of the opposition
- Outlines team case
- Identifies team split
- Provides examples to support case
- Concludes by tying together threads of team argument

The Second Speakers (Both teams)

- Argue against the other team's case
- Provide further points to support team case
- Present examples to support own argument (use evidence not already supplied)
- Conclude by repeating main points raised in body of speech

The Third Speakers (Both teams)

- Argue against the points raised by the other team
- Explain why the opposition is wrong or why the team disagrees
- Summarise own team's case
- Show why the contention has been proved or disproved

Each speaker will present their case for three minutes, with a time warning given at the two minute point.



A GREAT DEBATE!



Arguments for

Arguments against

Conclusion
