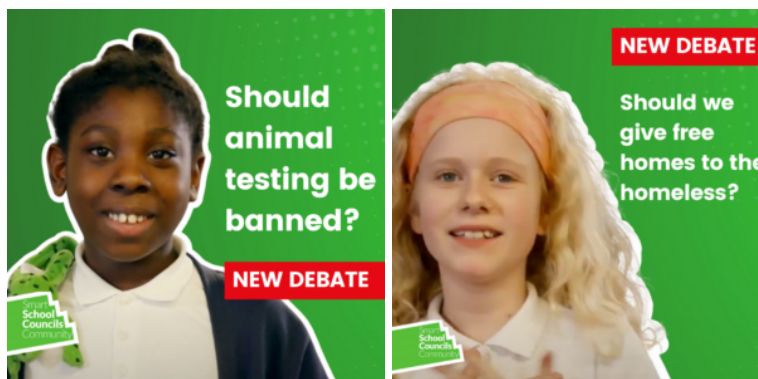




Student Debater Speech Support

Follow the tasks and you will be a Big Debate Club star!



Name:.....

School:.....

Class teacher:



Structuring your debate

Use the sentence starters below to help you with writing down what you would like to say when discussing each debate and make sure you give full feedback on who voted in the debate as well as giving your opinion.

My debate question was...

Which side of the debate are you on?: (Circle the right one)

FOR or AGAINST

Point

(A sentence to describe what you will talk about - e.g. In this point, I will show you that...)

Evidence

(A sentence that proves your point e.g. I know my point is correct because of this example...)

Explanation

(A sentence that explains why your point is true/persuasive e.g. This shows why my point is convincing because...)

Finish with...

I am [Name: _____], and my point shows that the [for/against] side is the strongest.



The spicier the task - The more challenging it will be!

Extra Hot: Finish the sentences.

Point: My opinion is [state what you think].

Evidence: An example that proves my opinion is [Give a fact or statistic that supports your point].

Explanation: This proves my point because [explain how your fact proves your opinion]

Final: 'I know that some people might disagree with me by saying [what would someone who disagrees with you say?] But I think my opinion is stronger because [say why you think your opinion is stronger/better].



Hot: Write your opinion in the PEE format.

Point: My opinion is [state what you think].

Evidence: An example that proves my opinion is [Give a fact or statistic that supports your point].

Explanation: This proves my point because [explain how your fact proves your opinion]

Medium: After you have written a fact to support your opinion, I want you to add these sentence starters and then finish them.

'I know that some people might disagree with me by saying...

But I think my opinion is stronger because...'

Lemon & Herb: Extend your script by adding a fact to your opinion. What is an example or statistic which supports the point you are making?



Debating Tips

Instructions:

Use the tips below (and the frame on the previous page) to help you be the best speaker and thwart any debating adversary!

Good luck and happy debating!

Tip One: The FACTS of the Matter!

Use facts and examples to back up the points you are saying. How can your opponent understand your point if you don't show them an example of it? E.g. My point is that mental health needs more help in schools. A fact that supports my point is that according to the Children's society, 10% of young people aged 5-16 have a mental health problem - with so many students affected, more help is needed.

Tip Two: Tone Tone Tone!

Make sure you sound confident when speaking, use your voice! Sounding confident and emphasising words make your points sound stronger. E.g Mental health is an **IMPORTANT** subject that **NEEDS** to be discussed more.

Tip Three: Listen

Listen to what the other side has to say, some of their points may give you inspiration for your own.