

DEBATE PROCEDURE SHEET

1	SETUP DEBATE GROUPS	You will form groups and decide on a debate group leader for the next two debates
2	DECIDE ON PROPOSITIONS	Your propositions need to have two evenly balanced sides. your opposition will decide to support or oppose, so if there is one strong side and one weak side you will loose the debate.
3	DECIDE ON SUB-TOPICS	One person on each team will research and prepare a speech on a sub theme of the main proposition.
4	DECIDE A TEAM PLAN	This is why there is a lesson set aside for preparation and analysis.
5	PREPARE YOUR SPEECH	You will have a maximum time of 3 minutes speaking time. Do use simple english. Do not think that complex vocabulary makes a good speech.
6	PREPARE QUESTIONS FOR YOUR OPPONENT	You will have to ask questions, so prepare at least 2 or 3 ahead of time. You may need to change the wording a bit but will be able to speak quickly. Ask questions you know the answers to, then follow up.

THE DEBATE

SUPPORTING SIDE		OPPOSITION SIDE
Debate Leader	The debate leader introduces their team members and gives a summary (about 20 words) of the arguments that each person will present	Debate Leader
The 1st speaker	Presents their speech (the last words are “ Questions please ”) and asks for questions from the opposing team (3 minutes)	The 1st speaker
The 2nd speaker	Presents their speech (the last words are “ Questions please ”) and asks for questions from the opposing team (3 minutes)	The 2nd speaker

Repeat the above until all team members have spoken.



NB If a team member is absent it is the responsibility of the debate leader to present the speech of the missing member

The audience will then be asked to vote to decide which debating team has made the better arguments.
NB this vote MUST be based on the strength of the teams arguments NOT on your own OPINIONS of the topic that is being debated.

Then the audience will ask questions of the debating teams.

- These may be addressed to; an individual team member, a team, or to both teams.
- The questions must relate to the subject of the debate, comments on the presentation of the debate are not appropriate.