

Debating Course

Name: _____

What is "debate"? Learning objectives

Argument – two sides don't agree with each other

A **debate** is a competition. Two teams are prepared to support their side and disagree with the other team.

There will be a judge. They will have questions to ask the teams before.

Each team will have a given side. There is a "PRO" position and "CONTRA" side.

- PRO means you agree with the topic. You must find reasons why it is CORRECT.
- CONTRA means you disagree with the topic. You must find reasons why it is WRONG.

Remember! It's not about winning or losing.

If you agree the PRO team, even if you DON'T agree, your job is to argue that you do. If you are on the CONTRA team, even if you DO agree, your job is to say that you don't.

Every student will have a chance to speak and debate.

Students will also be evaluated, you can see why the other team is wrong.

The teacher will judge the competition and decide who the winners are.

Vocabulary Exercise: Read up on the terms below.

Words	Meaning
debate	_____
opinion	_____
for	_____
against	_____
topic	_____
intended	_____
team	_____
side	_____
judge	_____
opponent	_____

Meaning
■ To agree with someone.
■ An opinion that another person holds.
■ Something you think or believe.
■ Speak, saying why the other team is wrong.
■ It is right or correct.
■ The person who decides the winner.
■ It is wrong or incorrect.
■ To disagree with someone.
■ Two or more people that something.
■ A competition with two teams trying to beat each other by saying why the other team is wrong.