



# Debating in Class

Debate will be having a debate in class. This is when two groups discuss a subject, putting their arguments for and against a motion. It is similar to the arguments you have with your big brother. Arguments have to make the audience see that a lot more is involved.



As you debate, there are two sides (the your arguments side), but there are other roles too.

## 1) THE OPPOSITION

This is the person who starts all the debate and makes sure that it goes smoothly. They are the middle person and don't side with either the For team or the Against team.

## 2) THE FOR TEAM

This team agree with the statement being debated and try through to argue the case for the motion. They have good but not just their reasons why the audience should agree for the motion.

## 3) THE AGAINST TEAM

This team disagree with the statement and try to argue the case against the motion. Once the For team have spoken, it's time for the Against team to say why the audience should not agree for the motion.

## 4) THE MODER

This is the moderator. These people may have an opinion for or against but they mostly need the both sides have said their arguments.

## 5) THE TOPIC

This person tries to bring both people together for a debate, you are usually limited to speak for a certain amount of time.

So will be debating the motion:

**THEY SHOULD BEHOLD THEIR CONSCIENCE (YOU) IS AN UNFORGETTABLE  
DUTY ON THEIR CIVIL SERVICE.**

The FOR team will be arguing that children should be allowed to say no after 10pm.

The AGAINST team will be arguing that children should be allowed to say no after 10pm.

At the end of the debate, when everyone has spoken and both sides have made their strong arguments there will be a vote. The audience will either vote FOR or AGAINST the motion.

**Make sure that you vote for the most persuasive arguments,  
not just for your friends!**

