

TIPS & GUIDES

to Parliamentary Debate

• 15 MIN PREP. GUIDE

Stay Focused. Be Efficient.

TIP 1

Personal Brainstorm

Make a list of arguments! It's important to organize yours arguments and use only the ones you think are strongest. *Be creative, stay calm, you got this.*

TIP 2

Communicate

Share your thoughts, reasoning, and opinions with your partner. Make sure you and your partner are on the same page and support each other's point.

A strong argument is cohesive and organized.

TIP 3

Perspective Matters

A good debater is ready to defend their argument from any rebuttal. Analyse any weakness and strength your position has. If you notice the weakness your opponent does to and will capitalize on it!

TIP 3

Here are some questions to get your started:

- What benefit do my side have that my opponent doesn't? (Vice Versa)
- What is the worst case scenario of my side vs the opponent's side?
- How can I prove that my side will make the world better?

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TIP 5

Always Be Ready

Assume that the judge will begin each round punctually, hence make sure you are always ready by the time the 15-min prep time is over.

TIP 6

Notes.Notes.Notes

A good rebuttal relies on having a good note. Find a way to write concisely to be as efficient as possible. That way you will spend less time writing and more time structuring your arguments

TIP 7

Connect the Dots

Being able to add credible reference (i.e. books, research, or study) into your argument will help you build Ethos (Credibility), and appeal to Logos (Logic/Reasoning)

• SPEECH GUIDE

“Its not about what you say, but how you say it.”

TIP 1

Confidence is KEY!

Confidence can make or break a speech. No matter how good your arguments maybe, if you don't sound confident in your own argument you will not be able to convince others with them.

TIP 1

Here are some things you can to look more confident:

- Stand TALL. A good posture and eye contact with the judge and audience showcase confidence.
- Speak slowly & clearly. Speak too fast and people wouldn't understand what you are saying. They are also more likely to stop listening.
- Check your intonation. No one likes a monotone speaker, but people hates a yelling speaker.

TIP 2

Be Relatable

People don't care about something that they can't relate with. Hence, a good speech should tell your audience and more importantly the judge why they should vote for you.

TIP 3

Know Your Terminology

Being familiar with terminology will help the judge see that you are prepared! It will also help with your speaker points.

TIP 4

Practice Makes Perfect

Practice going through a debate round! This will help you cope with the pressure during the real competition and pinpoint the weaknesses in your team.

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