
THE DEBATE ON A PAGE

There are two sides in a debate: the proposition team and the opposition team. The proposition team aims to prove the motion for the debate. The opposition team opposes the case made by the proposition team.

There are three debaters per side. Everyone on the team gives one speech. Here is the speaking order for the speeches:

First Proposition Speaker (6 minutes)

This speaker defines the topic, establishes the issues for the debate, outlines the proposition case, announces the case division between the speakers, and presents their part of the proposition case.

First Opposition Speaker (6 minutes)

This speaker challenges the definition if necessary, presents an alternative definition if the definition is challenged, responds to the proposition case, outlines the opposition case, announces the case division, and presents their part of the opposition case.

Second Proposition Speaker (6 minutes)

This speaker deals with the definition if it has been challenged, responds to the opposition case, and continues with the proposition case as outlined by the first speaker.

Second Opposition Speaker (6 minutes)

This speaker deals with the definition if it is still in issue, responds to the proposition case, and continues with the opposition case as outlined by the first speaker.

Third Proposition Speaker (6 minutes)

This speaker deals with the definition if it is still in issue and responds to the other team's case. Also sums up the debate from the team's viewpoint, including a response to the other team's overall case and a summary of the speaker's own team's case.

Third Opposition Speaker (6 minutes)

This speaker deals with the definition if it is still in issue and responds to the other team's case. Also sums up the debate from the team's viewpoint, including a response to the other team's overall case and a summary of the speaker's own team's case.

Point of information

Often pronounced as P-O-I. The POI may be a short statement or a short question posed to a speaker on the floor. Can only be attempted between first and fifth minute of all the speeches. May not be more than 15 seconds long. The speaker must recognise you to make your point. If the speaker does not recognise you, you must sit down.