

Debating Roles

Speaker

- The debate is chaired by the speaker, whose decision on all matters is final but cannot take part or vote.

Opening Statement Presenter:

- Gathers the main arguments into an introductory statement.
- Does not give specific information; just states “This is true because of A and B and C.”

Proposers/For:

- Present the main arguments for the team.
- Each presenter now gives specific details to prove points A and B and C (shared in the opening statement).

Opposers/Against:

- Answer the arguments of the other team.
- These presenters must make notes as the other team present their arguments. Their job is to respond to every argument made by the other team, using specific information to disprove them.

Closing Statement Presenter:

- Presents the closing arguments for the team.
- Repeats the main idea for this and the reasons.

