

High Level Debates

Language

<u>Opinion</u> The way I see it, In my view, My view on the matter is... As far as I understand it, As far as I'm concerned, I personally am (not) a big fan of...	<u>Evidence/Popular Opinion</u> All the evidence points to/suggests... If you ask anyone,... The vast majority of people would say... We have no evidence that... There's no evidence to support that whatsoever.
<u>Main arguments</u> I support/oppose the notion that... for the following reason: Firstly,... The key issue here is... The critical/crucial factor here is... It's vital to remember that...	<u>Adding points</u> What's more, Apart from that, Another thing to consider is... We shouldn't forget that... It's also worth bearing in mind that...
<u>Rebutting/Cross-Examining</u> So let me get this straight... Correct me if I'm wrong but... You can't possibly be saying that... I feel I must also disagree with you about...	<u>Conceding/Partially Agreeing</u> I admit that your point about... may be true, however... Let's say I agree with the idea of..., would you also concede that...? I hear what you're saying, but...
<u>Conclusion</u> In a nutshell, So in summary, So to wrap up, All in all,	<u>Debate Structure</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Opening statement (2 mins)2. Cross examination (1 min)3. (repeat)4. Rebuttal #1 (1 min each)5. Rebuttal #2 (1 min each)6. Closing Statements (1 min each)