

English Key Stage 3 and 4 Debating and Public Speaking Course

Debating and public speaking are fantastic skills for students to develop, and it is transferable to many other subjects and adult experiences. This course is aimed at secondary school students, and is engaging, fun and interactive. Students will be expected to be willing to talk freely, share and discuss their ideas, listen to others carefully, and to perform in a range of debates. This course needs a group of four students as a minimum.

Skills developed on this interactive and fun course include:

- The history and function of the debate
- How to set up a formal debate
- practising speaking naturally and persuasively in standard English
- learning a range of rhetorical and persuasive techniques in spoken and written English
- planning, writing and delivering powerful speeches
- learning how to research, prepare and deliver convincing arguments.
- Learn how to refute other arguments powerfully and appropriately.
- Analysing other public speaker's performances
- Learn how to use voice and body in debating through a range of drama exercises.
- practise working with peers engaging in live debate.
- Develop confidence in spoken English.
- learn new vocabulary.

Lesson	topic	content	homework
1	Introduction to Debating and Public Speaking	History of public speaking Setting up a debate Watching a debate Topics of debate	Review rules of debating research debate 1
2	Debate 1 Gaming Addiction	Speech writing conventions - Rhetoric Analysing a speech for persuasive devices Preparation for debate 1 on Gaming addiction Writing the opening statement to a speech about gaming addiction	Write your statements about gaming addiction Prep debate 1 performance
3	Debate 1 Gaming Addiction	Public speaking skills – Watching a public speaker Practise time Holding debate 1 on Gaming Addiction	research debate 2 on zoos write your speech on gaming addiction

		Plan/write the rest of a speech on gaming addiction	
4	Debate 2 Zoos are cruel and should be banned	Public speaking skills – the language of debate Preparation for debate 2 on Zoos Writing the opening statement to a speech about zoos	Write your statements for the debate about zoos Prep debate 2 performance
5	Debate 2 Zoos are cruel and should be banned	Public speaking skills – tips and exercises 1 Practise time Holding debate 2 on zoos Plan/write a speech about zoos	research debate 3 on women footballers write your speech on zoos
6	Debate 3 Should women footballers earn as much as men?	Analysing a speech for persuasive devices Preparation for debate 3 on women footballers Writing the opening statement to a speech about women in sport	Write your statements for the debate about women footballers Prep debate 3 performance
7	Debate 3 Should women footballers earn as much as men?	Public speaking skills – tips and exercises 2 Practise time Holding debate 3 on women footballers Plan/write the rest of the speech on women in sport	research debate 4 on fake news write your speech about women in sport
8	Debate 4 Should fake News be a crime?	Analysing a speech for persuasive devices Preparation for debate 4 on fake news Writing the opening statement on fake news speech	Write your statements for the debate about fake news Prep debate 4 performance
9	Debate 4 Should fake News be a crime?	Public speaking skills – putting it all together. Ben Shapiro techniques Practise time	Choose one of your speeches to learn ready to deliver next lesson

		Holding debate 4 on fake news	
		Write the speech on fake news	
10	The final debate	<p>Students deliver their speeches live with a vote on winner</p> <p>Surprise topic!</p> <p>group work</p> <p>Preparing the debate in groups</p> <p>Holding the debate</p>	