



# DEBATE FORMAT & SAMPLE VOCABULARY



## First Affirmative (For)

- Makes a strong argument for their side
- Provides a proof
- Provides 2-3 main points supporting their side

## Sample Vocabulary:

- First of all, I would like to state/say...
- To begin with...
- Our position is.....and as far as we are concerned....



## First Negative (Against)

- Makes a strong argument against the affirmative
- Provides a proof and makes 2-3 points for their side
- Refutes affirmative's major points with reasoning

## Sample Vocabulary:

- Let me respond by stating....
- We disagree because...
- The point I want to raise is....
- They say.....but.....



## Second Affirmative (For)

- Refutes Negative's major points with reasoning
- Provide new information supporting their side

## Sample Vocabulary:

- I'd like to point out that
- I have to disagree with you because....
- In contrast to what you said...
- A point I'd like to raise is.....



## Second Negative (Against)

- Solidify the argument with new information
- Final refuting of affirmative's points with reasoning

## Sample Vocabulary:

- Here's a point I want to raise...
- That's interesting but....
- I have to disagree because....
- In contrast to what you said.....



## Negative Rebuttal (Against)

- Make a strong summary, finalize refuting the points from the negative side and explain why they should win the debate.

## Sample Vocabulary:

- In summary, we want to point out....
- Issues that our opponent failed to address are....
- Our opponents claim that....but....
- To recap the main points....



## Affirmative Rebuttal (For)

- Make a strong summary, finalize refuting the points from the affirmative side and explain why they should win the debate.

## Sample Vocabulary:

- In summary, we want to point out...
- Our opponents claim that....but....
- Issues that our opponent failed to address are....
- To recap the main points.....