

# Debate Club

Players: 4 – 10

## Playing the Game

Starting with the oldest player, players take turns being the Judge clockwise. Each round begins with a new player becoming the judge. The judge looks at three Prompt cards, picks one, places it face up in front of them, and reads it aloud. They place the other Prompt cards face up in the discard pile.

Each other player draws seven Subject cards and slides one of them to the Judge face down. The judge then mixes them up, looks at them, and picks their two favorite submissions, reading them aloud. Those players receive two victory chips. Those two players are the Debaters for the round. The other players (besides the judge) each join one of the two Debater's counsel. Then the debate section begins. The Debater with the least victory chips (or the youngest) is the 1<sup>st</sup> Debater and the other one is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater.

### 1. Prep I

- Time: 1 minute. The Debaters discuss whatever they like with their counsel.

### 2. Constructive Step

- Time: 30 seconds. The 1<sup>st</sup> Debater argues that their chosen Subject better exemplifies the Prompt.
- Time: 30 seconds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater argues that their chosen Subject better exemplifies the Prompt.
- They cannot directly challenge the 1<sup>st</sup> Debater's argument. After a warning, they lose the remainder of their time this step.

### 3. Prep II

- Time: 15 seconds. The Debaters discuss whatever they like with their counsel.

### 4. Destructive Step

- Time: 15 seconds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater argues against the points made by the 1<sup>st</sup> Debater in the constructive step
- Time: 15 seconds. The 1<sup>st</sup> Debater argues against the points made by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater in the constructive step

### 5. Prep III

- Time: 15 seconds. The Debaters discuss whatever they like with their counsel.

## 6. Rebuttal Step

- Time: 40 seconds. The 1<sup>st</sup> Debater responds to the points made by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater in the destructive step and also continues to argue that their chosen Subject better exemplifies the Prompt.
- Time: 40 seconds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater responds to the points made by the 1<sup>st</sup> Debater in the destructive step and also continues to argue that their chosen Subject better exemplifies the Prompt.

## 7. Final Step

- Time: 10 seconds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Debater can say whatever they like to show that their chosen Subject better exemplifies the Prompt.
- Time: 10 seconds. The 1<sup>st</sup> Debater can say whatever they like to show that their chosen Subject better exemplifies the Prompt.

## 8. Judgment Step

- Time: 20 seconds. The Judge picks a winner and explains why.

The winning Debater and their counsel each gain a victory chip.

# Victory?

Once the following conditions are met, the game moves to a victory phase:

- Every player has been a judge at least once
- Exactly two players are in the lead.
  - Either there's a clear first and second place, or there's a two-way tie for first.

The victory phase is just like the other phases, except:

- The two players in the lead are the debaters.
- Everyone else is the Judge collectively.
  - If the judges can't come to an agreement, the judge with the least victory chips decides.
- The debaters receive no counsel.
- The first prep time is reduced to 20 seconds, and the others to 5 seconds.
- Whichever debater wins the round wins the game.

# Cards

## 108 Prompt cards

#	Title	Prompt	#	Title	Prompt
1	Ancient	That ____ are more ancient than ____.	55	Mean	That ____ are meaner than ____.
2	Average	That ____ are more average than ____.	56	Messy	That ____ are messier than ____.
3	Bad	That ____ are worse than ____.	57	Modern	That ____ are more modern than ____.
4	Big	That ____ are bigger than ____.	58	Nasty	That ____ are nastier than ____.
5	Brave	That ____ are braver than ____.	59	Natural	That ____ are more natural than ____.
6	Bright	That ____ are brighter than ____.	60	Necessary	That ____ are more needed than ____.
7	Calm	That ____ are calmer than ____.	61	New	That ____ are newer than ____.
8	Careful	That ____ are more careful than ____.	62	Nice	That ____ are nicer than ____.
9	Cheap	That ____ are cheaper than ____.	63	Noble	That ____ are more noble than ____.
10	Classy	That ____ are classier than ____.	64	Obtuse	That ____ are more obtuse than ____.
11	Clean	That ____ are cleaner than ____.	65	Poor	That ____ are poorer than ____.
12	Complete	That ____ are more complete than ____.	66	Popular	That ____ are more popular than ____.
13	Complex	That ____ are more complex than ____.	67	Private	That ____ are more private than ____.
14	Cool	That ____ are cooler than ____.	68	Quiet	That ____ are quieter than ____.
15	Creepy	That ____ are creepier than ____.	69	Rare	That ____ are rarer than ____.
16	Cute	That ____ are cuter than ____.	70	Rich	That ____ are richer than ____.
17	Dangerous	That ____ are more dangerous than ____.	71	Rough	That ____ are rougher than ____.
18	Dark	That ____ are darker than ____.	72	Round	That ____ are rounder than ____.
19	Deadly	That ____ are deadlier than ____.	73	Sad	That ____ are sadder than ____.
20	Dumb	That ____ are dumber than ____.	74	Safe	That ____ are safer than ____.

#	Title	Prompt	#	Title	Prompt
21	Evil	That ____ are more evil than ____.	75	Serious	That ____ are more serious than ____.
22	Extreme	That ____ are more extreme than ____.	76	Sharp	That ____ are sharper than ____.
23	Famous	That ____ are more famous than ____.	77	Shiny	That ____ are shinier than ____.
24	Fast	That ____ are faster than ____.	78	Showy	That ____ are showier than ____.
25	Fat	That ____ are fatter than ____.	79	Silly	That ____ are sillier than ____.
26	Fierce	That ____ are more fierce than ____.	80	Simple	That ____ are simpler than ____.
27	Flat	That ____ are flatter than ____.	81	Sketchy	That ____ are sketchier than ____.
28	Floppy	That ____ are floppier than ____.	82	Slimy	That ____ are slimier than ____.
29	Fluffy	That ____ are fluffier than ____.	83	Small	That ____ are smaller than ____.
30	Free	That ____ are freer than ____.	84	Smooth	That ____ are smoother than ____.
31	Fresh	That ____ are fresher than ____.	85	Social	That ____ are more social than ____.
32	Friendly	That ____ are friendlier than ____.	86	Soft	That ____ are softer than ____.
33	Gentle	That ____ are gentler than ____.	87	Solid	That ____ are more solid than ____.
34	Gloomy	That ____ are gloomier	88	Special	That ____ are more special than ____.
35	Good	That ____ are better than ____.	89	Still	That ____ are more still than ____.
36	Greedy	That ____ are greedier than ____.	90	Straight	That ____ are more straight than ____.
37	Happy	That ____ are happier than ____.	91	Strange	That ____ are stranger than ____.
38	Hard	That ____ are harder than ____.	92	Strong	That ____ are stronger than ____.
39	Healthy	That ____ are healthier than ____.	93	Sweet	That ____ are sweeter than ____.
40	Heavy	That ____ are heavier than ____.	94	Tall	That ____ are taller than ____.
41	Holy	That ____ are holier than ____.	95	Tasty	That ____ are tastier than ____.
42	Honest	That ____ are more honest than ____.	96	Tired	That ____ are more tired than ____.
43	Hot	That ____ are hotter than ____.	97	Tough	That ____ are tougher than ____.
44	Humble	That ____ are humbler than ____.	98	Tragic	That ____ are more tragic than ____.
45	Important	That ____ are more important than ____.	99	Ugly	That ____ are uglier than ____.

#	Title	Prompt	#	Title	Prompt
46	Innocent	That ____ are more innocent than ____.	100	Vicious	That ____ are more vicious than ____.
47	Intelligent	That ____ are more intelligent than ____.	101	Vivid	That ____ are more vivid than ____.
48	Intense	That ____ are more intense than ____.	102	Weak	That ____ are weaker than ____.
49	Just	That ____ are more just than ____.	103	Wet	That ____ are wetter than ____.
50	Large	That ____ are larger than ____.	104	Wild	That ____ are wilder than ____.
51	Lazy	That ____ are lazier than ____.	105	Wise	That ____ are wiser than ____.
52	Long	That ____ are longer than ____.	106	Worldly	That ____ are more worldly than ____.
53	Loud	That ____ are louder than ____.	107	Yappy	That ____ are yappier than ____.
54	Loyal	That ____ are more loyal than ____.	108	Zany	That ____ are zanier than ____.

## 324 Subject cards

#	Title	#	Title	#	Title	#	Title	#	Title
1	Accountants	66	Committees	131	Geese	196	Offices	261	Sorcerers
2	Action Movies	67	Compromises	132	Giant Otters	197	Opinions	262	Spaghetti Noodles
3	Activists	68	Computers	133	Gifts	198	Orbits	263	Speeches
4	Actors	69	Concrete Slabs	134	Girls	199	Organisms	264	Spiders
5	Adults	70	Conditions	135	Glasses	200	Pancakes	265	Spies
6	Aliens	71	Conquistadors	136	Goods	201	Pandas	266	Sponges
7	Alleys	72	Cops	137	Gorillas	202	Pangolins	267	Stage Lights
8	Amounts	73	Criminals	138	Guides	203	Parts	268	Stalks of Corn
9	Ancestors	74	Crowds	139	Guns	204	Patients	269	Stars
10	Animals	75	Cultures	140	Hamsters	205	Pencils	270	States Of Emergency
11	Antelopes	76	Custodian	141	Hearts	206	People	271	Stations
12	Ants	77	Days	142	Homes	207	Philosophers	272	Sticks
13	Archaeologists	78	Deaths	143	Homes	208	Pies	273	Stones
14	Astronauts	79	Debates	144	Hospitals	209	Pigs	274	Stories

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15	Attacks	80	Debts	145	Hotels	210	Pillows	275	Storms
16	Attics	81	Defeats	146	Houses	211	Pilots	276	Strawberries
17	Auctions	82	Deficits	147	Hugs	212	Pizza	277	Streamers
18	Badgers	83	Detectives	148	Hurricanes	213	Plastic Bottles	278	Suds
19	Bankers	84	Diamonds	149	Ice Cubes	214	Plates	279	Summers
20	Banks	85	Dictators	150	Ingots	215	Poems	280	Surgeons
21	Barriers	86	Diets	151	Internet	216	Points	281	Swamps
22	Basements	87	Diseases	152	Islands	217	Poisons	282	Swords
23	Bathrooms	88	Divorces	153	Jobs	218	Politicians	283	Tables
24	Beans	89	Doctors	154	Journalists	219	Positions	284	Tails
25	Beds	90	Dogs	155	Judges	220	Postdocs	285	Tamales
26	Beers	91	Dollars	156	Kickballs	221	Priests	286	Tardigrades
27	Bills	92	Dreams	157	Kinds	222	Principals	287	Taxi Drivers
28	Boats	93	Dumbbells	158	Kitchens	223	Prisons	288	Tea Leaves
29	Bombs	94	Economists	159	Knights	224	Programmers	289	Teachers
30	Bones	95	Efforts	160	Knives	225	Projects	290	Teams
31	Borders	96	Eggs	161	Koalas	226	Puddles Of Blood	291	Tears
32	Boxers	97	Elephants	162	Laboratories	227	Puzzles	292	Terrorists
33	Boys	98	Emergencies	163	Lakes	228	Pyramids	293	Titan Arum Flowers
34	Bricks	99	Engineers	164	Lamps	229	Radioactive Particles	294	Tombs
35	Buildings	100	Engines	165	Lawyers	230	Rain Clouds	295	Trains
36	Bullets	101	Evidences	166	Layoffs	231	Rainbows	296	Trees
37	Bullies	102	Exercises	167	Lessons	232	Rains	297	Trials
38	Butlers	103	Experiences	168	Letters	233	Rays Of Sunlight	298	Trips
39	Buttons	104	Faces	169	Libraries	234	Records	299	Tumors
40	Cacti	105	Factories	170	Lights	235	Relations	300	Tutors
41	Cakes	106	Families	171	Links	236	Repairs	301	Tuxedos
42	Candidates	107	Famines	172	Lions	237	Rhymes	302	Unions
43	Cans	108	Farmers	173	Lives	238	Risks	303	Universes

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44	Cardboard Boxes	109	Fathers	174	Lungs	239	Roads
45	Cars	110	Feasts	175	Machines	240	Robes
46	Cashiers	111	Feathers	176	Markets	241	Rockets
47	Cat Burglars	112	Fidget Spinners	177	Mathematical Equations	242	Rocks
48	Cats	113	Fields	178	Meats	243	Ropes
49	Ceasefires	114	Firemen	179	Medicines	244	Rugs
50	Centuries	115	Fires	180	Metals	245	Sages
51	CEOs	116	Flags	181	Molds	246	Salads
52	Chairs	117	Flashlights	182	Monkeys	247	Saxophones
53	Champions	118	Flounders	183	Mothers	248	Sciences
54	Cheer Leaders	119	Flowers	184	Moths	249	Screams
55	Cheetahs	120	Food	185	Mountains	250	Seats
56	Chiefs	121	Foots	186	Movies	251	Sheets Of Paper
57	Children	122	Forests	187	Music Albums	252	Shelves
58	Chocolates	123	Forks	188	Musicians	253	Signs
59	Churches	124	Friends	189	Names	254	Sirens
60	Cliches	125	Frozen Dinners	190	Neighbors	255	Skateboards
61	Clowns	126	Fruits	191	Nights	256	Slaves
62	Coalitions	127	Funerals	192	Novels	257	Sloths
63	Cobwebs	128	Fusions	193	Nurses	258	Slugs
64	Coins	129	Games	194	Nuts	259	Soldiers
65	Colleges	130	Gardeners	195	Octopuses	260	Songs