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What Makes a Good Debate Topic for Kids?*

Engaging children in debates helps foster critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills. Here are some tips for selecting appropriate debate topics:

- **Age-Appropriate:** Choose topics that align with the students' level of understanding and interests.
- **Relevant and Engaging:** Select topics that resonate with kids' personal experiences or current events.
- **Controversial but Respectful:** Foster lively discussions by presenting contrasting perspectives without resorting to disrespectful or offensive language.
- **Open to Interpretation:** Choose topics that allow for multiple viewpoints and encourage critical analysis.
- **Diverse and Inclusive:** Consider topics that reflect the experiences of diverse groups and perspectives.

Good Debate Topics for Kids

School-Related:

- Should homework be banned?
- Is it fair to grade students based on standardized tests?
- Should cell phones be allowed in school?

Fun and Lighthearted:

- Should pineapple belong on pizza?
- Is it okay to wear mismatched socks?
- Should kids be allowed to stay up past their bedtime?

Random and Tricky:

- Can a chicken lay an egg without a shell?
- Are all plants living things?
- Is there a spoon in your nose right now?

Topics of Interest to Kids:

- Climate change
- Animal welfare
- Technology and social media
- Sports and entertainment

The Three Great Debates

- Resolved: The benefits of the Internet outweigh the risks.
- Resolved: The government should provide healthcare for all citizens.
- Resolved: A college education is essential for success in today's world.

Debate Skills for Kids

- Critical thinking and analysis
- Research and evidence-gathering
- Pro and con argumentation
- Refutation and counterargument
- Communication and presentation

Tips for Debating

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- ## Friendly Debate Ice Breaker

- Would you rather eat a worm or a cricket?
- Would you rather be invisible or have the ability to fly?
- Would you rather live in a cabin in the woods or a penthouse in the city?

1. Present the topic for debate.
2. Assign students to two teams: Pro and Con.
3. Set time limits for each side to present their arguments.
4. Facilitate a brief rebuttal period for each team.
5. Lead a class discussion or vote to determine the winning team.

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