| Student: Claire |
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| Topic: **That we should make prison nicer than harsher.** |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| What was the BEST thing about my speech? | * Nice work on explaining that punishment should be proportional to the crime. * Nice work on explaining that people have more reasons to help out if they don’t think jails are bad places. * Good work on explaining that nicer prisons will improve the conditions for the people. * Good illustration of how nice we should make prisons. * Good work on explaining that people will feel good when they come out.   4:15 | |
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| What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT? | * You want to explain that the current punishment is more adverse than the crime. Because your debate today is not about fair punishment - it is about making it lighter. * You are repeating parts of sentences while you complete them. * Your argument about schools getting visits to prison is not sure. So, don’t make your case dependent on a hypothetical scenario. * You need a more proper structure for your speeches. | |

| Student: Olivia |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| What was the BEST thing about my speech? | * Nice vocal projection in your speech. * Good illustration of what happens when we make prisons nicer. * Nice work on explaining the mentality of the criminals when they find prisons nicer. * Good work on explaining how people will stop committing crime with harsher punishments. * Good illustration of the thought process of the people who commit crime. * Nice energy and enthusiasm in your speech.   2:50 | |
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| What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT? | * We need more explanation for our ideas. Make transitions between ideas smoother. * You need to explain why harsher punishments are fair. * When you explain people will never change in worse conditions - try to show why other deterrences like lack of movement and being away from family is not enough for these people. * Try to make and maintain eye contact with your audience. * Try to speak for longer. | |

| Student: Michelle |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| What was the BEST thing about my speech? | * Good work on explaining how people will feel after they get out of prisons. * Good work on explaining how nice prisons don’t have to be super nice and comfortable but they should meet the basic standards. * Good work on separating the punishments based on how big the crime is. * Good illustration of how prisoners feel when they are treated in harsher conditions. * Nice work on explaining how people will be lonely and sad. * Good work on improving your volume. Try to stay consistent with this and improve your volume. * 4:22 | |
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| What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT? | * If you are explaining that hate is a bigger motivator than fear for people, explain why. Here try to show why prisoners don’t always act rationally. * Try to look at your audience while you are speaking. Make and maintain eye contact. * Try to also add some structure to your arguments. Give multiple reasons for your claim. * Try to explain the mental health benefits of nicer prisons. * Try to explain why prisoners also deserve humane treatment. | |

| Student: Janelle |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| What was the BEST thing about my speech? | * Good work on explaining nicer prisons will motivate people to commit more crime. * Nice work on explaining how people will change and how harsher punishment will motivate them. * Nice work on explaining that there are actual victims who were hurt by these prisoners. * Nice illustration of people who are poor who might think prison is a better option for them. * Good work on explaining that more people become afraid when we don’t punish people strongly. * 4:00 | |
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| What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT? | * You need to start with a hook. Don’t repeat the motion in the first line of your speech. * Try to reduce the pauses in your sentences. * Try to speak louder. Try to look at everyone listening to your speech - not just one person. * Try to rebuttal ideas from the other side. Say what the other side said and why that is not true. * You want to also explain why this debate is valid for other people as well - not just people who will commit crime so they can shelter in prison. * Don’t zoom in on specific examples like where people have to keep their money as that is less related to the debate topic. | |

| Student: Sophie |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| What was the BEST thing about my speech? | * Nice work on explaining that just because prisoners are bad - it doesn’t mean we have to be bad towards them as well. * Good work on explaining that prisoners will be less stressed when they feel prisons are more like home. * Nice work in explaining that prisoners will feel less lonely if they have options to talk to their family and friends. * Good work on explaining that better food and treatment can lead to improvement in satisfaction and their boredom will be reduced. * Nice illustration of how prisoners will develop resentment by feeling no-one likes them with harsh punishments. * Good illustrations of how prisoners can be entertained by more games. * Nice work on speaking for a long time. Good work on explaining how prisoners will develop to hate society when society treats them in a worse way. * Good work on explaining that prisoners will have to stay in jail if the method does not work   4:57 | |
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| What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT? | * Try to explain why people will not commit crime just because the prison looks like a great experience. * You are pausing in the middle of your sentences. Try to minimize these. * Try to explain besides social interactions what else can be done to make prisons nicer. * You need to explain even if harsher punishments make people afraid to come to prison - it still isn’t the best way to treat them. * You need to explain what harsher punishments really mean and how that leads to conflicts, frustration and also how they will take it out on society. | |