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Debating Words

Fill in the spaces below with the debating word that matches the definition.

_____ : A verbal fight with rules between two teams; an affirmative and a negative.

_____ : The "Yes" team. The team that agrees with the topic.

_____ : The "No" team. The team that disagrees with the topic.

_____ : The person who controls the debate and calls the speakers when it is their turn to speak.

_____ : The person who keeps time during the debate. At the conclusion of the debate s/he hands the sheet with times to the adjudicator.

_____ : The judge of the debate. S/he gives constructive feedback to the debaters.

_____ : What you say; the content of your speech.

_____ : how you say it; it is the physical aspect of your speech and includes eye contact, stance and gestures.

_____ : How you put it together; it is the structure of your speech.

_____ : The meaning of the topic. You should use a dictionary to define the topic.

_____ : The beginning of your speech. Speakers say "Good afternoon Mr/Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

_____ : Where you argue against the opposition's points. You would say "The opposition has tried to tell you....this is wrong because..."

_____ : Points that support your side of the topic.

_____ : Why your arguments are true.

_____ : Cards used by debaters to write their speech.



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Debating Words (ANSWERS)

Fill in the spaces below with the debating word that matches the definition.

Debate: A verbal fight with rules between two teams; an affirmative and a negative.

Affirmative Team: The "Yes" team. The team that agrees with the topic.

Negative Team: The "No" team. The team that disagrees with the topic.

Chairman: The person who controls the debate and calls the speakers when it is their turn to speak.

Timekeeper: The person who keeps time during the debate. At the conclusion of the debate s/he hands the sheet with times to the adjudicator.

Adjudicator: The judge of the debate. S/he gives constructive feedback to the debaters.

Matter: What you say; the content of your speech.

Manner: how you say it; it is the physical aspect of your speech and includes eye contact, stance and gestures.

Method: How you put it together; it is the structure of your speech.

Definition: The meaning of the topic. You should use a dictionary to define the topic.

Introduction: The beginning of your speech. Speakers say "Good afternoon Mr/Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Rebuttal: Where you argue against the opposition's points. You would say "The opposition has tried to tell you....this is wrong because..."

Arguments: Points that support your side of the topic.

Reasons: Why your arguments are true.

Cue Cards: Cards used by debaters to write their speech.