



# Debating SA Incorporated

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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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**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.

**Argument:** What you say; the content of your speech.

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

**Structure:** 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.