Debate Format & Sample Vocabulary

First Affirmative (For)

- Makes a strong argument for their side

-Provides a proof

-Provides 2-3 main points supporting their side

Sample Vocabulary:

-First of all, I would like to state/say…

-To begin with…

-Our position is…..and as far as we are concerned….

First Negative (Against)

- Makes a strong argument against the affirmative

-Provides a proof and makes 2-3 points for their side

-Refutes affirmatives major points with reasoning

Sample Vocabulary:

-Let me respond by stating….

-We disagree because…

-The point I want to raise is….

-They say………but…...

Second Affirmative (For)

-Refutes Negative's major points with reasoning

- Provide new information supporting their side

Sample Vocabulary:

-I'd like to point out that

-I have to disagree with you because….

-In contrast to what you said…

- A point I'd like to raise is…...

Second Negative (Against)

- Solidify the argument with new information

-Final refuting of affirmatives points with reasoning

Sample Vocabulary:

-Here's a point I want to raise…

-That's interesting but….

-I have to disagree because….

-In contrast to what you said……..

Negative Rebuttal (Against)

- Make a strong summary, finalize refuting the points from the negative side and explain why they should win the debate.

Sample Vocabulary:

-In summary, we want to point out….

-Issues that our opponent failed to address are….

-Our opponents claim that….but….

-To recap the main points….

Affirmative Rebuttal (For)

- Make a strong summary, finalize refuting the points from the affirmative side and explain why they should win the debate.

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In summary, we want to point out…

-Our opponents claim that….but….

-Issues that our opponent failed to address are….

-To recap the main points…..