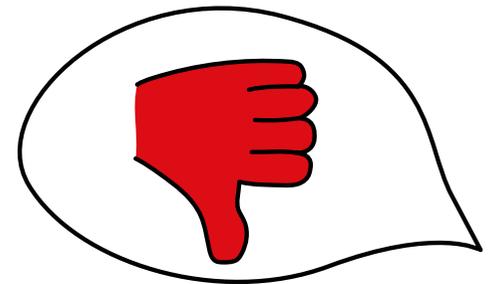


Understanding roles
and issues within a
specific debate



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Success criteria

L.O.: To understand roles and issues within a specific debate.

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- Understand what is the motion of a debate.
- Understand the concept of 'in favour of a motion' or 'against a motion'.
- Understand the terms 'sustainable' and 'unsustainable palm oil'.
- Understand the role I will play in the debate.
- Explain the process of a debate.

What is a debate?

- A debate is an opportunity for people to discuss two opposing opinions about a topic and leads to a vote to determine the appropriate course.
- The motion of a debate is a sentence about a topic both sides of the debate will be discussing.
- Those people in favour of/ proposing the motion will agree with the statement.
- The opposing side will be against/ disagree with the statement.

FOR

AGAINST

Discuss the following motions

In pairs, discuss:

- the belief of the person who is **proposing** the motion.

- the belief of the person **opposing** the motion.

- This house believes that children should be allowed television in their bedrooms.
- This house believes that cigarettes should be banned.
- This house believes that books are better than computers.
- This house believes that junk food should be banned.

Feedback your comments to the class.

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What is the debate you will undertake?

The motion for your debate will be:

'This house believes that palm oil plantations should be sustainable.'



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There is a generally agreed global standard set by the Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) i.e. a plantation can be seen as 'sustainable' if it has a RSPO certificate.



Your role in the debate

L.O.: To research information
for debate writing

- Your teacher will give you a card on which is written your role in relation to palm oil. For some of the roles, e.g. a logger, there may be opposing views. Your teacher may wish you to work individually or in pairs.
- Discuss your card with your partner (or if working individually, another individual) to make certain you understand which viewpoint you should be taking. If you need to, discuss this with your teacher.

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In your pair, try to answer the following question to feedback to the class:

- Can you think of arguments already that will be relevant to your side of the argument?

What you have achieved

Plenary

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Review the learning objective and success criteria.

'What is your role? What side of the argument will your character take and why?'

'What arguments can you think of already that will be relevant to your side of the argument?'