Online debate

Step 1

* All partners read the instructions for the debate and useful phrases, which are published in twinspace
* Time: 3 weeks prior to the debate

Step 2

* Moderator country sets a TwinSpace **online event** and announces the debate topic.
* All Ss collect ideas for both sides.
* Time: 2 weeks
* Participants: members of debating teams and everybody else who is interested.

Step 3

* Debating teams get their roles. The one who is on the affirmative side will start the debate. It is advised that each country starts once.
* Debating countries prepare for the debate.
* Time: 1 week.
* Moderator country prepares for moderation (phrases, rules, evaluation).

Step 4

* Time: the day of the debate
* Moderator country opens the online meeting in Twinspace and the participants join them.
* The debate begins. The moderator addresses all participants and wishes them good luck. Then the debate proceeds as follows:

1. Introduction affirmative: 2 minutes
2. Introduction negative: 2 minutes
3. Arguments affirmative: 2 minutes
4. Arguments negative: 2 minutes
5. Counter arguments affirmative: 2 minutes
6. Counter arguments negative: 2 minutes
7. Conclusion affirmative: 2 minutes
8. Conclusion negative: 2 minutes

* Debate recorded.
* Jury records their decision.
* Recorded debate uploaded into TwinSpace.

Useful tips

Arrange the online meeting half an hour prior to start to have time for checking the technology.

Hosting party should use two computers as hosts. One computer is for projecting a clock counting back. The screen must be shared with the other computers.

The second computer is for the students. Turn on the camera.

Hosting team allows participants to use their cameras and microphones.

All attendants should turn off their microphones in case they do not speak.

Debating parties should not forget that there is a moderator; they shouldn’t start speaking without being asked to.

Questions are not allowed. If there is time left, the speaker says thank you and the moderator stops the clock.