

Debate Preparation Graphic Organizer

Opening Statement (2 minutes)

Your Name and Position on the issue: My name is _____ and I believe that _____ because _____ Outline Your Three Basic Points: 1. First, in my experience with _____ we have noticed a significant _____ as a result of _____. 2. Second, in the research that we have done, _____ we have concluded that _____ because of _____. 3. Third, based on _____ it's clear that _____ due to a notable _____. Close your opening statement with a stunning fact or passage: As you will see from our presentation, _____ _____ _____ _____	Word Bank Statement: Claim Believe Reason Listing: First, Second, Third To Show Importance: Significantly Notably Importantly Citing Evidence: In my experience... From my research... Based on...
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State Your Arguments in Detail, Citing Passages (2 minutes)

Argument #1: As we mentioned earlier, our experiences have shown that _____ _____ is clearly the most impactful support for EL students.			Explaining: In other words To put it another way That is to say To that end
Evidence A (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): We know this because _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence B (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): Moreover _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence C (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): Similarly _____ _____ _____ _____	Giving examples: For instance As an example To give an illustration
Argument #2: Another key thing to remember about the impact of this strategy that we have gleaned from our research is: _____ _____ _____			Additional Information: Moreover Furthermore What's more Likewise Similarly Another key thing to remember As well as Not only... but also Coupled with

Evidence A (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): We know this because _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence B (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): Likewise, _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence C (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): Not to mention _____ _____ _____ _____	Firstly, secondly, thirdly... Not to mention
Argument #3: Finally, it is clear that _____ has the greatest impact on EL students' learning because _____			
Evidence A (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): As shown by _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence B (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): With additional support from _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence C (Passage from experience, article, internet source, etc.): Furthermore _____ _____ _____ _____	

Rebuttal (1 minute)

Opponents Argument: We acknowledge that _____ _____	Contrast Words: However On the other hand Having said that By contrast Then again Acknowledging reservations: Despite this With this in mind Provided that In light of Nonetheless Nevertheless Notwithstanding
Counterpoint: Despite this _____ _____	
Opponent's Argument: Additionally, our colleagues have claimed _____ _____ _____	
Counterpoint: Nevertheless _____ _____	

Closing Statement (1 minute)

Summarize Your Debate Points: In conclusion, we believe that Call to Action: Based on this compelling argument, it is our hope that you will join us and build _____ into experiences for English Learners in your classroom. They deserve that support and there's no time to waste.	Summarizing: In conclusion Above all Persuasive Compelling All things considered Verbs or action words: Start Stop Build (grow) Join Learn Discover
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