

THE ART OF DEBATING.

Explanation of the terms, that I have used in the Formal Debate.

- 1)**Main Argument** - You have to explain what are your points of agreement or disagreement to the Topic. You must give proof by examples, quotes and reasons behind what you are saying.
- 2)**Rebuttal** - Some of the things you say may seem unimportant so the opposite team can argue on it and make what you are saying, seem to be very weak.
- 3)**Cross Examination** - The opposite team can ask questions to clarify what is not clear in your speech. You are given a chance to show your self-confidence and put forward your points more clearly.
- 4)**Final Statement** - This is a statement made at the end of the debate. It is the last chance for both teams to clarify what they are saying. This is the most important part of the debate as it

gives a chance to affect the result of the debate, in their favour. It concludes or ends the debate.

*Children, you must not get overwhelmed when you read these big terms used in Formal Debates, which are held in the Parliament, Public Meetings and by senior students of Academic Institutions. As you grow up, who knows one day you too may take part in one such debate.

As of now, you enjoy informal debates and comfortably voice your opinions by agreeing or disagreeing on any topic you would like to discuss. Always remember -

Speak Out !

Your words are free.

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For truth always wins.*

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