
EXERCISES

Watch the final of an international debate such as that of the IDEA Youth Forum and answer the following questions:

- How well do you think the speakers interact with other members of their own team?
 - Are you able to follow their arguments readily?
 - Do the speakers use interaction with the other team to extend their own points or to make new ones?
 - Which team is easier to follow? How do they achieve this? If both are much the same, which one do you prefer? Why?
 - Who do you think won the debate? Discuss this in a group and see if you agree.
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CHAPTER CHECKLIST

- Each speaker has a specific function, yet team members must work together to develop an overall narrative and demonstrate that their analysis of the problem is correct.
 - To win in debate, view it from the perspective of the judge, not a debater.
 - The case put forward by a team has a similar structure to a speech advanced by an individual speaker: introduction, body, conclusion.
 - Teams must clearly delineate responsibilities and members must support each other throughout the debate.
 - Interact with the debate as defined, not the one you were hoping for or expecting.
 - A clear case in which speakers reinforce each other and guide the adjudicator through it will go far to ensure a win.
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