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FREE GUIDE

Your First Argument.

How to build an argument, answer the other side and practise at home.

REBUTTAL
They said... but...

Step by step, point by point

Example
What proves it?

Reason
Why is it true?

Claim
What do you believe?

JUDGE'S BALLOT
Best argument: ✓
Clear reason: ✓
Real example: ✓

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What debate builds that exams don't

Grades open doors. What happens after the door opens depends on how your child thinks, speaks and carries themselves.

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University and scholarship interviews

Students who have argued under pressure walk into interviews calm and clear.

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A record that stands out

Tournament results and leadership roles add real weight to applications.

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Thinking, not memorising

Debaters learn to question, compare and decide, skills every subject rewards.

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A world-sized network

Debate connects students with peers, mentors and judges across Malaysia and beyond.

No matter where your child starts, with the right exposure they can end up somewhere different. Our founder started in Ipoh and debated her way around the world.

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YOUR FIRST ARGUMENT

Claim. Reason. Example.

Claim	Reason	Example
What do you believe?	Why is it true?	What proves it?

Try it: "Homework should be banned **(claim)** because children learn best when they also have time to rest and play **(reason)**. A student who spends three hours on homework every night has no time left for sport, music or sleep **(example)**."

THE ART OF REBUTTAL

They said...
Repeat their point fairly, in one line.

But...
Show the gap in their reasoning.

So...
Explain why your side still wins.

2 GAMES FOR THE DINNER TABLE

⏱️ Just a Minute

Talk about any topic for 60 seconds. No "um", no pauses, no repeating yourself.

🫙 Motion Jar

Write fun motions on paper. Pick one, prep for 2 minutes, speak for 1.

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