

Debate Vocabulary Answer Key



1. Affirmative Team:

The team that argues in favor of the resolution

2. Constructive Speech:

The first speech given by each debater, used to build the case

3. contention:

Claim made for or against the resolution

4. debate:

A structured discussion, often with a moderator and an audience in which the participants discuss a topic from two opposing sides

5. Negative Team:

The team that argues against the resolution

6. Rebuttal Speech:

A speech given by each debater, used to refute arguments of the opposing team

7. refute:

Directly attack the arguments of the opposing team

8. resolution:

The proposition or subject offered to debate.
