**A SHORT GUIDE TO DEBATING.**

**Topic: CCTVs (closed circuit tv cameras) shouldn´t be allowed in public places.**

**Find a name for your team and write it down with the names of every member of the team.**

1. ***THE FIRST PROPOSITION (5 minutes)***

**The opening of the speech:**

* **Greet the audience and introduce the members of your team. Do not speak** **too quickly or too slowly. Try to speak clearly.**
* **Try to start your speech with an interesting opening to catch the listeners´attention. Try to invent a catchy motto that will open each of your partners´speeches. For example, “YOUR PRIVACY IS IN DANGER”**
* **You can continue by asking one or more questions: Have you ever felt you were being watched as you walked along the street? Or Have you ever noticed cameras fixed to walls?**
* **You can also begin with an identified pronoun to arouse the listeners´curiosity. For example: “You might see them or you might not but closed circuit TV cameras are all over”**

**The body of the speech:**

**- Brainstorm for ideas and put them into groups in logical order. The most important ideas will become the main argument and the rest can be sentences to support and develop your arguments. Don´t try to communicate ideas that are too confusing or too complicated, use simple sentences.**

**- Outline the teams arguments and divide the different tasks, like this: “We have 3 main arguments, I´ll speak about about two arguments and the next speaker will talk about the last one”.**

**-Present your part of the team´s argument explaining why you defend these ideas. Do not worry if you don´t know a particular word or expression in English, think of an alternative and use the words you know to express the same idea. Do not worry about making errors, it´s better to make a few errors than to remain silent and not to say anything.**

**Ex: Main argument. CCTVs INVADE PEOPLE´S PRIVACY.**

 **We want to be free and not be filmed every minute of the**

 **Day.**

 **Second argument: CCTVs are expensive . the money from our taxes should be**

 **Spent to cope with major issues of society as**

 **Unemployment, homelessness, the future of young people etc.**

**The closing of the speech**:

**The closing is a paragraph which summarises the main idea. It may be similar to the opening but presented in different words, you can also repeat the motto at the end to remind the audience what you first words were and what you are for.**

**EX:**

**So next time you see a camera in the street, remember that you are not free , that your privacy is in danger and that the state is spending your money in something that is not top priority.**

***THE FIRST OPPOSITION (5 minutes)***

**The opening of the speech:**

**-Greet the audience and present your team members, if your team has a motto mention it here. It should always leave the audience with the idea that you strongly oppose to the first speaker. For example: *“CCTVs take care of all of us”* and explain what you mean by the words.**

**EX. I completely disagree with my opponent and I´m going to demonstrate it.**

**The body of the speech**

**-Explain the most important differences between your team and the other team,** **tell the judges and the audience why they are wrong (rebuttal),** **here you can** **outline your teams´arguments and divide the different tasks, (for example .. we have 3 main arguments, I´ll speak about 2 of them and the next speaker will talk about the last one ). To do this you will have to work with your team previously, you can write down all the ideas you can think of and then decide which ideas will be the main arguments and who is going to defend each one**

**- Present your part of the team´s arguments and give examples by presenting a short anecdote of real or imaginary events.**

**First argument: CCTVs are used to provide and ensure safety to all of us and we really need them to avoid crime.**

**Last Saturday I was shopping around Tader to find the best bargains when I suddenly realised that my purse/wallet was missing and I knew that I had it because I had just bought something five minutes earlier. So I talked to the security guards and they took me to a room with several CCTV cameras. Luckily the thief that stole my purse had been filmed and was caught when he was leaving the shopping centre and I had my money and credit cards back. So we can say that those cameras helped us fight against crime.**

**Second argument: They can be also used in other places like hospitals where they allow constant watch over patients to ensure quick attention when necessary. Nurses can monotorize different patients at the same time.**

**The closing of the speech.**

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**So I´m clearly for the use of these cameras even if you lose some privacity**

***THE SECOND PROPOSITION (5 minutes) For both sides***

**The opening of the speech**

* **Repeat the motto again and defend your teamline, this is what we want, explain it clearly.**

**The body of your speech**

* **If the other side has attacked your arguments, you should defend your team arguments giving the necessary reasons or examples.**
* **Now it is your turn to attack the opposition´s arguments explaining why.**
* **If you have one more argument left from the first speech, you can talk about it here. Ex I´m going to support my speech by giving you a last argument which is that…….**
* **If you have time you can bring an example to support what you have said or to rebutt the opposition´s arguments.**

**Rebuttal:**

**Proposition**

**Well, I agree with you that sometimes CCTVs can help us fight against crime but as the first proposition has said there are also clear disadvantages to having them all around us. Have you read the book “1984” ? It was written by George Orwell. In it the state control all the citizens by a CCTV system. They have the power and they use the information that the cameras supply to subdue all the population.**

**Opposition: I would like to highlight that cameras protect us and they also help to gather clues and evidence against a criminal. Everyone saw 2 years ago a boy who hit and kicked a girl in the underground just for being a Latin girl from Colombia. The boy could be recognised, judged and sent to prison thanks to the CCTV camara in the carriage.**

**Even at schools if an incident happens, the headmaster can consult the video tape to determine what happened. Let´s give you an example**

**Ex. “On St. Tomás de Aquino´s day one of the teachers of English brought her**

**brand new camera to school to take some photos of the different activities that were taking place at that moment , at some point she left it on a shelf for one minute just to talk to someone, and suddenly she realised that the camera was missing. Unluckily, the thief who stole it hadn´t been filmed because there wasn´t a CCTV in that part of the corridor and she couldn´t get it back. Is that fair?**

**The closing paragraph.**

**Summarise the main idea of your team. It should always leave the judges or the audience with a strong impression, so look for a good and catchy sentence as a conclusion.**

**THE THIRD PROPOSITION AND OPOSITION (5 minutes) For both sides**

***The opening of the speech***

* **Do not bring any new arguments.**
* **Attack the other´s side arguments**

***The body of the speech***

* **Defend your own side and your arguments explaining why. You need to prove things.**

**If you have new examples, you can talk about them here. Here you can support the idea that cameras can also help us to fight against crime but remember that the opposition may say that the information that CCTs supply could be dangerous if it got into criminal hands.**

**The closing of the speech:**

**Summarize the main ideas and explain briefly and as a conclusion why you reject the opposition´s ones.**

**THE REPLY SPEECH (3 minutes) No side**

* **Your side goes first**
* **Since this is the last speech it is your last chance to convince everybody that your team has won this debate.**
* **Don´t go into details, just remind the judges what the most important points of your team were and tell them why you should win this debate.**

**THE REPLY SPEECH (3 minutes) Yes side**

* **The opposition makes their reply speech first, you will do the last speech of the debate.**
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