

Points for discussion:

How should a chairperson be chosen?

- chosen by teacher?
- voted in by secret ballot/show of hands?

How should the minute-taker be chosen?

- chosen by the teacher or voted in?

Does the chairperson or the minute-taker need any special skills?

How should the seating be arranged?

- horseshoe / circle shape so that no-one has their backs to one another
- on two sides of the classroom

How should people let the chairperson know that they wish to speak?

Should there be a rule that only one person speaks at a time?

Should everyone be given a chance to speak?

Should debates have a time limit?

How will class decisions be voted on?

Are any rules needed so that there is no interrupting or put-downs?