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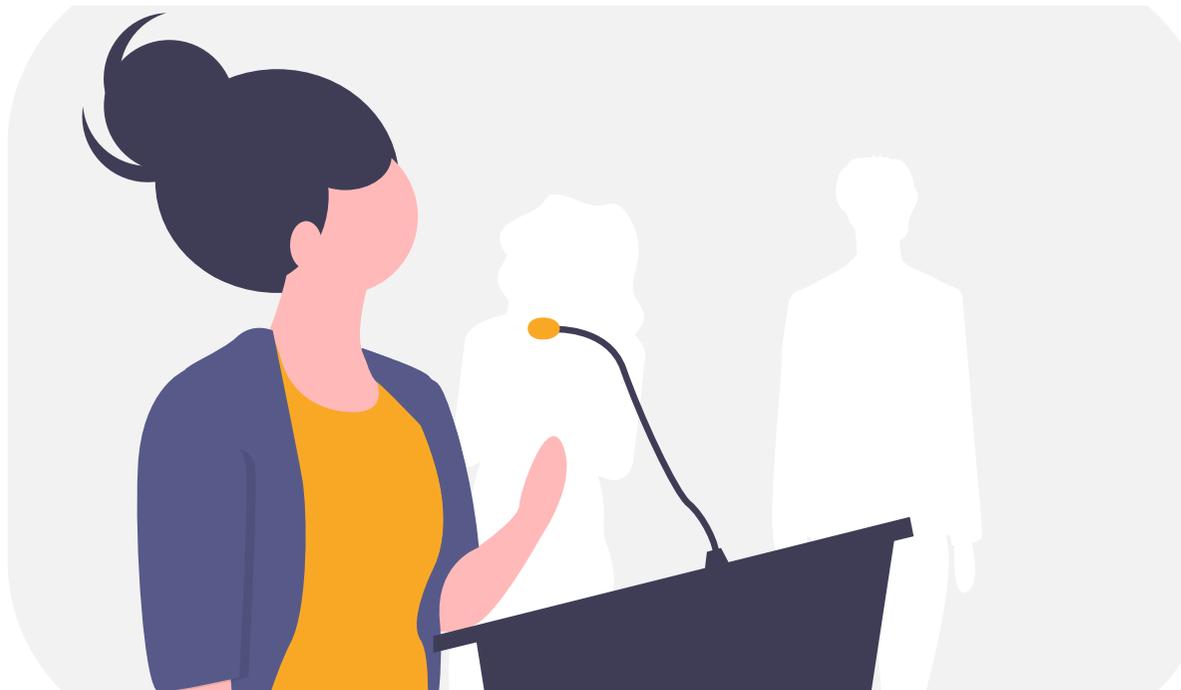
ENTERING THE  
GIG ECONOMY

**Tool**  
Debating  
Introduction

# What is a debate?

- A debate exists when there is a difference of opinion or a clash of ideas.
- A debate is “a formal discussion on a particular matter in a public meeting in which opposing arguments are put forward and which usually ends with a vote” (Oxford Dictionary).

This 5-minute video will give you more details about debate:



# Debate Preparation

## STEP 1:

First, thoroughly research the debate topic. You can find information from dictionaries, journals, textbooks, newspapers, government documents, videos, websites, etc. These sources are available at libraries, your school's online database (if have) and the internet. Remember to use reliable sources only.

## STEP 3:

During the debate, some short notes and/or key cards from the manuscripts are very helpful. They help you remember your arguments. We suggest using the ARE (Assertion, Reasoning, Evidence) model for your keycards. This model also helps you build convincing arguments.

## STEP 2:

From your research, make two manuscripts for the arguments in favour of & against the debate statement. An example of the manuscripts' structure:

### Manuscript A (in favour of...)

- 1: introduction/definition
- 2: arguments in favour of...
- 3: more arguments  
(to oppose B)
- 4: summary  
(your arguments & B's arguments)

### Manuscript B (against...)

- 1: introduction/definition
- 2: arguments against...
- 3: more arguments  
(to oppose A)
- 4: summary  
(your arguments & A's arguments)

# Building arguments with ARE model

## A-R-E model

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pro/con (Circle one)

### Debate Topic

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**Assertion:** (a statement of your argument)

**Reasoning:** (reasons of your assertion)

**Evidence:** (to provide proof of your reasons)

# ARE examples

Assertion	Reasoning	Evidence
<p>1. The minimum driving age should be raised to 18.</p> <p>2. Television is a bad influence.</p> <p>3. The United States should not have the death penalty.</p>	<p>1. Raising the driving age will save lives by reducing accidents.</p> <p>2. Television shows too much violence</p> <p>3. Sometimes innocent people are sentenced to death.</p>	<p>1. 16 year-old drivers have 3 times as many crashes as drivers aged 18-19.</p> <p>2. Since the introduction of violent programs 20% more crimes have been committed.</p> <p>3. Since 1973, 108 people in 25 states have been released from death row because they were found innocent.</p>

# Refuting arguments

You already know how to build an argument for a debate. How about refuting other's arguments in a debate? Our 4-step guide below will show you how. It can be used with your ARE key cards.

1

**“You said ...”**

Briefly summarize your opponent's argument.

2

**“But I disagree ...”**

Share your assertion argument.

3

**“Because ...”**

Offer reasoning & evidence of your argument

4

**“Therefore ...”**

Show why your argument is better.