



## Christmas Debate

Suitable for teens and adults with a level of intermediate and above

### Method:

1. Put students into groups and assign them as 'for' or 'against'.
2. Show or tell students the statement and give them 5 - 10 minutes to prepare their ideas. Encourage students to guess what their opponents might say and prepare a counter argument.
3. Begin the debate by allowing one of the teams to make their arguments. Encourage each student to talk. A typical debate would follow the following structure:

The teacher introduces the debate and reads the motion: "Christmas has become too commercial."

'For' team - turn 1

'Against' team - turn 1

'For' team - turn 2

'Against' team - turn 2

'For' team - turn 3

'Against' team - turn 3

'For' team - final remarks, closing arguments

'Against' team - final remarks, closing arguments

5. The teacher, or the students can decide who won the debate.

**Debate Topics:**

- Christmas has become too commercial.
- Christmas should not be a national holiday.
- Santa is not a good role model for children.
- Christmas is just about shopping and money and not about family and friends.
- What is Christmas really about?
- Children on the naughty list should not get presents.
- It is better to be naughty than nice.
- We should greet each other with “Happy Holidays” instead of “Merry Christmas”?
- Christmas of the past was better than the Christmas of modern times.
- Christmas songs shouldn't be played until after the 6th of December.