



Debate

Definition: (verb) to argue about a topic, especially in a formal manner. (noun) 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.



Etymology:

The study of the origin (beginning) of words

Origin

LATIN

dis-

OLD FRENCH

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battere

to fight

→ debate

Middle English

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *dis-* (expressing reversal) + *battere* 'to fight'.





Synonyms of the word “debate”...

Discuss

Argue

Dispute

Talk about



Examples in Context

1. "The task today is to engage in a **debate**," the teacher explained.
2. **Debates** are an opportunity for MPs and Lords to discuss government policy, proposed new laws and current issues.



How words might be used by people in various professions...

The anaesthetist **debated** how much anaesthetic to use on the patient.



Use the word **debate** as many times as possible throughout the week to achieve positives!

This can be verbally, in your written work or even when you hear an adult around the school using it.