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The first and most important thing to understand is that debate is not complicated. Approach debate rounds the same way you would trying to convince a person on the street to do something. Use **clear, everyday language**. Think logically through the issues. And don’t be intimidated by the format of debate.

**What skills do you need to debate?**

Important skills for debating To meet the judges criteria you will have to develop certain skills, consider the following: You points must be relevant to the topic. Provide evidence whenever you can and not your personal opinion. You must put aside your personal views and remain objective when you debate so your argument remains logical.