

## LEARNING TO ARGUE (PROPERLY!)

Communication skills are vital, so help students to build them by letting them argue and discuss.

**Make some time early on to set some ground rules.**

Encourage them to listen, not just sit and plan what they're going to say as soon as there's a pause...!

### DEBATE

If I read a comic in a store without buying it, is it stealing?

### VERBAL CHALLENGE

Would you rather always have to say everything you think, or never be able to say anything again?

*Top tip: Assign your most opinionated student to the role of debate leader. Their job is to mediate the discussion, making sure people are taking turns and being polite! They can also summarise the key points.*

The letters game can be as flexible as you need. If you want to add more challenge, then add rules! For example, you can make the word 'them' from these letters, but not if you've added the rule that letters must be adjoining.

**The written challenges cover vocabulary, persuasive writing, descriptive writing, writing to inform, using lyrical / rhyming structure, using synonyms and more.** However, since we know students can be less enthusiastic than we'd like, all our challenges are also fun, or at least interesting!



### WRITTEN CHALLENGE

For each letter from A to Z, can you find a word related to food?

### WORD OF THE DAY

**Essential**

Absolutely necessary

**EXPLORING VOCABULARY AND WRITING STYLES**