

# Does Sport Unite or Divide Us?

Australians love sport. It's healthy, fun and brings the community together for a common goal.

**But is that the whole truth?**

This Social Sciences Week, get your school talking and host your own debate.

## The kit includes:

- a customisable poster
- resources to find more on the topic
- tips and tricks to host a successful debate
- tips for writing and presenting your argument



# DOES SPORT UNITE OR DIVIDE US?

DATE:

TIME:

LOCATION:



# How to: HOST A SUCCESSFUL DEBATE

## **BUILD ANTICIPATION**

- \*Advertise!
- \*Post event teasers
- \*Find a way to make your audience interested in the topic.

## **LOCATION, LOCATION**

- \*Check your location has good acoustics, all speakers can be heard, and there's plenty of space for your audience to sit comfortably.

## **TIMING IS EVERYTHING**

- \*Consider how long each speaker will talk. A speech of 3–5 minutes is a good length to make your arguments without losing audience interest.
- \*Appoint a timekeeper who will stick to the agreed times!

## **MAKE IT MEANINGFUL**

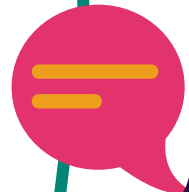
- \*Is there a way you can link your debate to something that's happening at school? What about fundraising?
- \*Consider offering prizes for participation, the winning team, the most dynamic speaker, or for audience participation!



# How to: **BE A GOLD MEDAL DEBATER!**

## **Plan Your Argument**

- \*Find out as much as you can about the topic
- \*Use research or reputable sources to back up your arguments
- \*With your teammates, plan your case—write down as many arguments and examples you can think of to support your overall argument
- \*Consider what your opponents' arguments might be. How will you refute or counter their arguments?



## **Watch Your Language**

- \*Use exciting and persuasive language to create your argument. Have you heard of rhetorical questions? Repetitive amplification? Similes and metaphor? You'll need these tools if you want your audience to hang on your every word!



## **Practise! Practise! Practise!**

- \*Practise your speech until you feel comfortable saying it without reading it word-for-word
- \*Practise in front of a mirror to check how much eye contact you are making
- \*Ask someone to record you speaking so you can check your body language, clarity and speed of speech.



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# FIND OUT MORE: Resources to help you plan your argument

## LISTEN



Seriously Social:  
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Divide us?



Why joining a community  
sport could be the best  
thing you ever do



Time Out! Basketball's  
response to bad  
behaviour



Fair Game: Lessons  
from sport for a  
fairer society and  
stronger economy

## WATCH

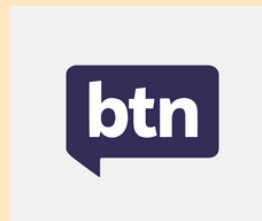


Let Kids Be Kids  
Campaign

Racism: It Stops  
With Me Campaign



ABC iView: Bluey  
'The Decider'



BTN: Sports Pay  
Gap



Reclink Australia

## READ

Stats and Facts on sport and community from the Australian Clearinghouse for Sport  
Is hosting an Olympic Games a good or bad investment for a city?

Research from Sport Exchange Australia on the ways that sport unites Australia with our  
Pacific neighbours

Should sports stars get involved in politics or social issues? Two University of Sydney  
experts weigh in.

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