

Lower Level Level - April 2027

Week 4: Debate Intro & Listening Skills | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

debate	A structured argument where two sides argue opposing positions
resolution	The topic being debated, stated as a claim
affirmative side	The side arguing IN FAVOR of the resolution
negative side	The side arguing AGAINST the resolution
rebuttal	A response to the opposing side's argument
cross-examination	Questions asked to the opposing side during a debate
flow chart	Notes taken during a debate to track arguments and responses
active listening	Focused, intentional listening to understand and evaluate
fallacy	A logical error that weakens an argument
evidence	Data, expert opinions, examples supporting your argument

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the 4 parts of a basic debate round?

2. What is the difference between the affirmative and negative side?

3. What is a flow chart and how do debaters use it?

4. Name 2 logical fallacies that debaters should avoid. Explain why they weaken arguments.

5. What makes cross-examination effective?
