

## **Tips for formalising a debate**

Introduce the debate motion: e.g. this object was used for X reason.

The motion should be a statement that can be agreed or disagreed with, not an open question.

Ask students what they think? Encourage them to share ideas.

Encourage development of their argument. You could say things like: "that's an interesting point. Does anyone agree and want to add anyone more to his argument? Can anyone take that point further."

Encourage simple rebuttal: "Does anyone disagree with that? Do you have a counter argument?"

Ask students to vote as follows: "Please raise your hands if you wish to vote for the Proposition. Now the Opposition. And, finally, are there any votes in abstention (or undecided)."

Announce either "the motion has been carried" or "the motion has been defeated".