

How to structure your speech



Sample Captain Opening Speech

1. Chairperson, adjudicators, members of the audience, and members of the proposition/opposition. My name is _____, and I am here with my team to strongly propose/oppose the motion that “_____”.
2. Allow me to begin by defining the motion... *(Here the Captain should explain important words from the motion using a quality dictionary).*
3. I will begin by... *(Summarise what you will prove and how).*
4. Our Second Speaker is _____ and she/he/they will... *(Summarise what the Second Speaker will prove and how).*
5. _____ is our Third Speaker and will be responsible for _____. She/he/they will also... *(Summarise what the Third Speaker will prove and how).*
6. _____ is our fourth speaker and will be explaining why _____. She/he/they will also..... *(Summarise what the Fourth Speaker will prove and how).*
7. *Now the Captain should make their own point/points.*
8. I believe that I have proven... *(Sum up their points and what they have proven).*
9. Thank you for listening, and I am sure that you are now convinced that you must propose/oppose the motion.



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Sample Captain Closing Speech



1. Chairperson, adjudicators, members of the audience, and members of the proposition/opposition. My name is _____, and I am here again to affirm with my team that we strongly propose/oppose the motion that “_____”.
2. To reiterate the arguments which my teammates have already clearly outlined... *(Here the Captain should summarise the arguments put forward by Speakers 2/3/4).*
3. Our Second Speaker was _____ and she/he/they argued that... *(Summarise what the Second Speaker has already proven and how).*
4. _____ was our Third Speaker today and was responsible for illustrating how _____. She/he/they has shown that... *(Summarise what the Third Speaker has already proven and how).*
5. Finally _____ was our fourth speaker and explained why _____. She/he/they also demonstrated that..... *(Summarise what the Fourth Speaker has proven and how).*
6. *Now the Captain should make their own refutation and rebuttal.*
7. The proposition/ opposition has stated that _____, *(Clearly indicate the argument being rebutted, it is not enough to simply say Speaker 2/3/4),* but I would like to counter that argument by asserting that _____ *(State that flaw in the proposition/opposition argument – facts wrong/ incomplete/ illogical),* because _____ *(Indicate why the argument is flawed).* *(Add a clear conclusion of the rebuttal supporting your side of the motion)*
8. Thank you for listening, and I am sure that you are now convinced that you must propose/oppose the motion.

Sample Second/Third/Fourth Speaker

1. Members of the audience, as _____ has already said, my name is _____ and I am also here to strongly propose/oppose the motion that “_____”.
2. *Now the Speaker should make their own point/points.*
3. *The Second Speaker should also attempt to refute/rebutle between their own point/points.*
4. I believe that I have proven... *(Sum up their points and what they have proven).*
5. Thank you for listening, and I am sure that you are now convinced that you must propose/oppose the motion.



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