

Adjustment Level:	Lower Intermediate-Advance
Target Skill to be improved:	Speaking and Reasoning
Title:	Debate is Fun (Free conversation)
Topic for Debate:	Japanese businessmen should start investing in developing countries

Introduction: This lesson gives the student more speaking opportunities in expressing his thoughts that would improve his/her speaking and reasoning skills. The student would also learn various expressions for agreeing and disagreeing.



Resolved: **That Japanese businessmen should start investing in developing countries.**



IDEA GENERATOR

Pros

- Japan will no longer revive their economy so it's better for Japanese businessmen to invest in developing countries.
- Developing countries have a brighter future since they are still in the process of attaining stability.
- Developing countries are the best performers in the stock market.

Cons

- First world countries like Japan can still survive despite the economic crisis that they are facing right now because the people are doing their best to be as productive as possible.
- When the economy is down, there is nowhere else to go but to go up.
- Job opportunities in Japan will decrease.

See for example:

Person A: "In my opinion, I believe that Japanese entrepreneurs really need to start investing their money in developing countries since there is no more hope for the first world countries to prosper in the global economy."

Person B: "I strongly disagree with the proposition since I believe that first world countries like Japan can still survive despite the economic crisis that they are facing right now because the people are doing their best to be as productive as possible."

Expressions for Agreeing and Disagreeing

<p>Stating an opinion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my opinion... • The way I see it... • If you want my honest opinion.... • According to Lisa... • As far as I'm concerned... • If you ask me...
<p>Asking for an opinion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's your idea? • What are your thoughts on all of this? • How do you feel about that? • Do you have anything to say about this? • What do you think? • Do you agree? • Wouldn't you say?
<p>Expressing agreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with you 100 percent. • I couldn't agree with you more. • That's so true. • That's for sure. • (slang) Tell me about it! • You're absolutely right. • Absolutely. • That's exactly how I feel. • Exactly. • I'm afraid I agree with James. • I have to side with Dad on this one. • No doubt about it. • (agree with negative statement) Me neither. • (weak) I suppose so./I guess so. • You have a point there. • I was just going to say that.
<p>Expressing disagreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't think so. • (strong) No way. • I'm afraid I disagree. • (strong) I totally disagree. • I beg to differ. • (strong) I'd say the exact opposite. • Not necessarily. • That's not always true. • That's not always the case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No, I'm not so sure about that.
Interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can I add something here?• Is it okay if I jump in for a second?• If I might add something...• Can I throw my two cents in?• Sorry to interrupt, but...• (after accidentally interrupting someone) Sorry, go ahead. OR Sorry, you were saying...• (after being interrupted) You didn't let me finish.
Settling an argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let's just move on, shall we?• Let's drop it.• I think we're going to have to agree to disagree.• (sarcastic) Whatever you say/If you say so.