

**Adjustment Level:**

Lower Intermediate-Advance

**Target Skill to be improved:**

Speaking and Reasoning

**Title:**

Debate is Fun (Free conversation)

**Topic for Debate:**

**The imposition of sanction on states/cities  
is the best way to end child labor**

**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 the imposition of sanction on states/cities is the best way to end child labor.**



# IDEA GENERATOR

## Pros

- There is an international duty on governments to uphold the dignity of man. This can only be done with the independence gained from education, a good quality of life and independent income.
- Child labour destroys the creativity and innocence of the young, and must be stopped.
- Sanctions provide the only means of forcing states to take action

## Cons

- Whilst codes of 'human rights' are effective bases for enforcing political and legal standards, they are less effective in dealing with social and economic ones
- Imposing sanctions on whole states is unfair as they are not wholly responsible for the actions of individuals within them.
- A utopian vision of all previously labouring children entering school is belied by evidence showing many either cannot afford to pay school fees or continue to work at the same time

## See for example:

**Person A:** "In my opinion, I believe that the imposition of sanction on states/cities is the best way to end child labor since the local government will be threatened by the sanction that is why they are forced to focus their attention to the issue."

**Person B:** "I strongly disagree with the proposition since I believe that child labor is a never-ending issue no matter how heavy the sanctions are."

## Expressions for Agreeing and Disagreeing

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

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