

Adjustment Level:	Lower Intermediate-Advance
Target Skill to be improved:	Speaking and Reasoning
Title:	Debate is Fun (Free conversation)
Topic for Debate:	First World Countries' Obligation

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: **First World countries have an obligation to help Third World countries with funds and assistance in cases of hunger and poverty.**



IDEA GENERATOR

For Extensive Responsibility

- First World has always exploited Third World
- Creates dens of international or global community
- Raises First World awareness of Third World plight
- The importance of humanitarian deeds
- Promotes economic stability
- Raises standard of living for Third World populations
- Reflects acceptance of First World responsibility for past historical actions

For Limited Responsibility

- Every nation is responsible for its own people
- Long term effects of sustained "charity" are negative on the whole
- Makes Third World countries even more dependent on First World countries
- Imports First World cultural values into Third World context where they do not necessarily belong, or apply
- Creates cultural homogenization
- Past history of corruption and ineffectiveness of such "help" programs
- Need for real economic opportunities rather than charity
- Hurts national pride and confidence in the leadership of the Third World countries involved

See for example:

Person A: "In my opinion, I believe that First World countries have an obligation to help Third World countries since they have always exploited the Third World countries."

Person B: "I strongly disagree with the proposition since I believe that every nation is responsible for its own people."

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. • No, I'm not so sure about that.
<p>Interruptions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can I add something here? • Is it okay if I jump in for a second?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.