

How to Start a Debate - Examples

Example 1:

“Good afternoon, honorable adjudicators, members of the opposing team, chairlady and audience. I'm the Captain of the affirmative side. Today, our motion is _____.”

Example 2:

‘Good evening respected judges, my worthy opponents, faculty members and audience, I (NAME) hereby humbly express my thanks for your interest in the (SUBJECT). As previously stated I am hereby standing FOR/AGAINST the motion and if I have your permission I would like to begin by saying that.....’ and then you can start with your topic.

Example 3:

A very cheerful good morning (if its morning) to one and all.

Honorable juries/adjudicators, respected teachers and my fellow competitors.

Today I would like to light my views supporting (if you are in favor) /opposing (if you are against) the motion/topic (say your topic)