Name: _____

Class: _____   Date: _____

Debate: Fun or Foolish?
An extension of "Fun or foolish?"

In the short time that Pokemon Go has been introduced worldwide, it has become an instant craze. However, it's not all fun and games with Pokemon Go. The game has raised serious concerns about safety, about it being a public nuisance, and even about its suitability for young children. Conduct a debate in class about this phenomenon.

The motion for the debate:

**Pokemon Go poses a serious threat
to the public and is unsuitable for young children.
The game should be banned.**

INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare for the debate.

1. Divide the class into two halves. Each half is to select a team of 4 speakers. Invite your teacher to chair the debate.

    One team will argue for the proposition and the other against. This is to be decided by the toss of a coin. Spend 10 minutes preparing points for your team. All the material needed to form your arguments can be found in the article **Fun or foolish?** (*What's Up*, September 2016, page 8).

Conduct the debate.

2. Speakers of the 2 teams will alternate. They will have 3 minutes each to speak. The proposition will begin.

3. After the last speaker of the opposition has spoken, the speakers will answer questions from the floor (the rest of the class).

Rules

a. Speakers must always address the chair, though they may look at the audience and their opponents.

b. They cannot speak for more than the allocated time.

c. Speakers must always remain calm and collected. Emotional outbursts or inappropriate language will be penalised by the chair.