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Class: _____ Date: _____

Animals: Friends or Food? Let's Debate

An extension of "US politicians want to ban eating cats and dogs"

A. Prepare for the Debate

1. Read "US politicians want to ban eating cats and dogs" (page 17, *What's Up* October 2018).

A debate is a formal argument about a particular subject. In a formal debate, there are two teams. Each team presents their argument in a clear and organised way. Today, we will conduct a debate on the following motion:

This house believes that some animals are friends, but some animals are food.

2. Form teams of at least four members each. As a team, agree on whether you want to serve as the Proposition or the Opposition.

Proposition: your team will argue that the motion is true.

Opposition: your team will argue that the motion is false.

3. Fill in the following to help you to prepare for the debate.

Our team is PROPOSITION / OPPOSITION. (*circle one)

This means we believe that _____.

🗳️ *This statement is your team's stand.*

We will use three main arguments to convince our audience we are right. They are:

Argument 1
Argument 2
Argument 3

Our speakers and their roles:

Role	Name	Task
Speaker 1		Introduce your team's stand. Deliver argument 1.
Speaker 2		Deliver argument 2. Challenge your opposing team's 1 st set of points.
Speaker 3		Deliver argument 3. Challenge your opposing team's 2 nd set of points.
Speaker 4		Challenge your opposing team's 3 rd set of points. Summarise & conclude.

B. Conduct the Debate — Each Proposition team pairs up with an Opposition team. Two students who are not speakers volunteer to be the Chairperson and Timekeeper. The others will be the audience. Every speaker gets ten minutes. After the debate, share what this experience was like for you.