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## Traditions or Whales? A Debate

*An activity of "Japan goes back to hunting whales"*

1. Read "**Japan goes back to hunting whales**" (page 14, *What's Up* January 2019). Today, we will conduct a debate on the following motion:

This house believes that protecting whales is  
**more important** than protecting whaling traditions.

2. Form teams of three to four members. Half the teams will serve as the Proposition, and the other half will be the Opposition.

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

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

3. Based on what you have been assigned, discuss and fill in the following:

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

This means we believe that (state your team's stand): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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

Argument 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Argument 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Argument 3: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Next, assign your speaker roles.

Role	Name	Task
Speaker 1		Introduce your team's stand. Deliver argument 1.
Speaker 2		Deliver argument 2. Challenge any point(s) that your opposing team has made
Speaker 3		Deliver argument 3. Challenge any point(s) that your opposing team has made (If no Speaker 4) Summarise and conclude your team's arguments.
Speaker 4 (if any)		Challenge any point(s) that your opposing team has made Summarise and conclude your team's arguments.