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## Debate: Can We Save the World?

*An extension of "Fewer types of plants and animals is bad news for our future food supplies"*

Read "**Fewer types of plants and animals is bad news for our future food supplies**" (page 6-7, *What's Up* March 2019). Mother Earth faces many threats today. Can we ever reverse the damage we have done to our planet? To answer this crucial question, let us hold a debate.

A debate is a formal argument about a particular subject. There will be two teams. Each team presents their argument in a clear and organised way. Make sure that all your arguments are based on scientific facts. You may use the article, as well as your own general knowledge. If possible, do take some time to do some research.

This is our motion for today:

This house believes that we can save the world.

Form teams of three. Half the teams will serve as Proposition, and the other half Opposition.

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

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

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

This means we believe that \_\_\_\_\_. This is our team's stand.

Our three main arguments to convince our audience we are right.

Argument 1:
Argument 2:
Argument 3:

Our 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 - Summarise and conclude your team's arguments.