

**PRESENTATION IN DEBATE
AND
HOW TO DEFINE MOTION**

You don't have to be outgoing,

in fact, too dramatic is off-putting.

Develop eye contact with the audiences

Speak clearly

**Use your hands and body
naturally to emphasize points**

Vary your voice pitch

Don't speak too quickly

How to speak

Speaking and talking are different things.

When we talk we are often interrupted, but when we debate, we are able to speak uninterrupted.

We may feel uncomfortable

so our anxiety becomes heightened

As a result, we may:-

1. speak too quickly

2. speak too softly

3. have poor diction(too nervous, lock jaw sets in)

4. monotonous

Firstly, take pleasure in the fact that you now have a chance to air your views, uninterrupted for a few minutes.

The audience is there because they want to hear what you have to say.

Don't disappoint them.

Secondly, remember that you can discard the Negative inside messages and develop a balanced view about yourself and your self worth and self esteem.

Types of speakers

Those who speak from the mouth have given little thought or preparation to their work

they like the sound of their own voice.

Those who speak from the head have lots of facts and figures

but are very boring and dry.

Those who speak from the heart are very emotional.

Some of the great orators spoke from the heart.

What we need to do in debating is find a balance between the three.

Points to remember

Speak clearly and slowly,

Pauses can be very effective.

Modulate your voice

so that it has an up and down sound about it.

Feel confident about what you are saying

and you'll avoid 'ums', 'errs' and the like.

Use verbal emphasis,

e.g. "No" can be said in a number of ways, loud or soft, to catch people's attention.

Types of Definitions

Formal Definitions

The dictionary is filled with formal definitions, but it is not the only place where you will find them.

Term: freedom

Part of speech: noun

Definition: The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without restraint.

Informal Definitions

These definitions may be **synonyms** or **antonyms**

Freedom, also referred to as liberty or independence, is a state people reach when they are free to think and do whatever they please.

Extended Definitions

Listing and describing the parts: identifying smaller, more familiar pieces of an idea to point to the definition of the bigger concept.

True freedom means the ability to think, feel, say, or act however one chooses

Etymology: sharing a word's origin

Before 900; Middle English *fredom*, Old English *frēodōm*. See [free](#), [-dom](#)

Examples or **anecdotes**: telling a story or example that illustrates the term.

Since the United States won the right to rule itself, our country has been referred to as "the land of the free and the home of the brave." (example)

Negation: defining a term by explaining what the concept is not.

It is a state where the bars of bondage do not exist. (negation)

Evoking the senses: using a word that creates a picture in the reader's mind so that the reader might relate through memory of sound, sight, touch, hearing, or smell.

Unfortunately, the widening gap between the haves and have nots means that some are now shackled by their lack of education.

Historical references: showing how a word has been defined throughout history.

To our colonial forefathers, freedom meant having a voice in their government. (historical reference)

Things to Avoid

a. truistic definition

This house believes that homosexuality is not justifiable

Definisi: Homoseksualitas merupakan hal yang dilarang dalam agama sehingga tidak boleh dilegalkan dalam tatanan suatu negara

b. squirrelling definition

This house would legalise performance enhancing drugs in sport

To mean that marijuana should be legalised (asserting a link by saying sport is fun; life is fun; and soft drugs enhance people's ability to have fun in the sport of life

c. . Definisi yang unreasonable

That death penalty should never be justified

Definition: Killing people without any reason is wrong. Therefore we should not approve of genocide/mass killings.

The definition above is out of the context or spirit of the motion (death penalty means punishing criminals to die, not mass killing without reason). And it is unfair to expect the Opposition/Negative to say that mass killings for no reason should be approved of.

d. Definisi yang sudah kadaluarsa dan tidak tepat

definisi yang membawa diskusi debat ke suatu lokasi dan masa yang sudah tidak membawa dampak signifikan untuk saat ini. Dan definisi ini membawa debaters ke diskusi kontroversi dan konflik yang sudah terselesaikan, karena bisa membuka luka lama

THBT USA has failed.

Definition: USA has failed to achieve victory in Vietnam.

Not only Vietnam War happened decades ago, but the USA had actually lost the war. Moreover, there is no significance in talking about such things now, because there is no new issue regarding the Vietnam War.

d. Tautological definition –

Example:

THBT UU ITE is necessary.

Definition: UU ITE is a necessary regulation.

If we substitute the phrase 'UU ITE' in the motion with its proposed definition, the motion would become 'THBT a necessary regulation is necessary'.

Ini merupakan definisi yang membingungkan karena menggunakan circular logical dimana definisi hanya berputar-putar saja. Terkadang ini juga disebut self-proving definition.