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DEBATE COURSE A

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1 Today's Topic

It is important for high school students to be allowed to choose their own classes. In your opinion, is this statement true? Why or why not?

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2 Outline

Agree

- motivated
- success
- teachers have easier time
- example of magnet schools

Disagree

- need basics
- make bad choices
- need the structure

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3 Introduction

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4 Body

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5 Conclusion

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DEBATE A



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Environment vs. Development

* Today's Topic

Do you think that the land in your country should be kept in its natural condition, or should it be used for the development of industrial and housing areas? Explain your answer with specific reasons and details.

Natural Condition

- save natural resources
- clean air and water
- industry and housing may bring toxic waste and health problems
- industry and housing may kill wildlife

Industrial and Housing

- more room for houses
- more industry
- better economy
- technology advancement
- more roads

* Vocabulary & Expressions

toxic (= *venomous, poisonous*)

a. 유독한

of or relating to or caused by a toxin or poison

wildlife

n. 야생동물

all living things except people that are undomesticated

advancement (= *progress, advance*)

n. 진보, 발달

gradual improvement or growth or development

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It is debatable whether _____.

Some people agree/disagree that _____.

However, I agree/disagree with the idea that _____,

because _____.

Body

Firstly, _____. / Secondly, _____.

In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

Thus, _____.

Wearing Uniforms

* Today's Topic

More and more high schools are making students wear uniforms to school. In your opinion, is this a good idea, or should students be allowed to choose the clothes they wear to school? Support your answer with specific details and examples.

Uniform

- may improve attendance
- better behavior
- reduced peer pressure
- equality
- does not distract students from learning

Own Clothes

- form of self expression
- uniforms would get rid of individuality

* Vocabulary & Expressions

uniform

n. 유니폼, 교복

clothing of distinctive design worn by members of a particular group
as a means of identification

attendance (= *presence, attending*)

n. 출석

the number of people that are present

distract (= *listeners, crowd*)

vt. (주의를) 흐트러뜨리다

draw someone's attention away from something

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because _____.

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

Thus, _____.

Conclusion

In short, _____.

Learning from books or experience

* Today's Topic

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Not everything can be learned from books. Compare learning from books to learning from experience. Which do you think is more important? Why do you think this? Use detailed reasons and examples to support your answer.

Books

- education
- facts
- become proficient in an area

Experience

- confront situations
- learn through mistakes
- life skills

* Vocabulary & Expressions

experience

the accumulation of knowledge or skill that results from direct participation in events or activities

n. 경험

proficient (= able, skilled)

having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

a. 능숙한

confront

deal with head on

vt. 직면하다

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In brief, _____.

Relationships with animals

* Today's Topic

It is common for people to have close relationships with their pets. Dogs, cats, birds, and other animals are treated like family members. Do you think that this kind of relationship with an animal is a good or bad idea? Support your answer with specific details and explanations.

Good

- scientific
(longer life / better health)
- friendships
- love
- affection
- attachment

Bad

- dirty
- troublesome
- not human
- animals die early
- pets are dependent on people

* Vocabulary & Expressions

affection (= *warmth*)

n. 애정

a positive feeling of liking

attachment

n. 애착의 대상

the act of fastening things together

troublesome (= *listeners, crowd*)

a. 성가신, 귀찮은

difficult to deal with

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because _____.

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Make one change to school

* Today's Topic

You have the choice to make one change to a school that you attended. What change do you think is the most important and would have the most benefits? Explain your choice by using specific details and reasons.

Ex. Air Conditioning

- already have computers, books, classrooms
- students and teachers suffer in the heat
- students are less motivated in the heat
- can't concentrate in the heat

* Vocabulary & Expressions

benefit (= *advantage, profit*)

n. 이익

financial assistance in time of need

motivate (= *stimulate, instigate*)

vt. ~에게 동기를 주다

give an incentive for action

concentrate (= *focus*)

vi. 집중하다

direct one's attention on something

Introduction

In general, _____.

Some people say that _____.

However, I strongly believe that _____,

because _____.

Body

First of all, _____. / Moreover, _____.

In specific, _____.

According to study by _____, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In summary, _____.

Watching TV and Communications

* Today's Topic

Some people believe that watching television keeps us from communicating with our family and friends. Do you agree or disagree? Use clear examples and details to support your opinion.

Agree

- takes time away
- changes how we listen
- short, broken conversations
- little attention to conversation while TV is on
- influences communication even when not watching

Disagree

- people can bond by watching TV together
- common topic to talk about

* Vocabulary & Expressions

conversation (= *dialogue, discourse*)

n. 대화

the use of speech for informal exchange of views or ideas or information etc.

communication

n. 커뮤니케이션

the activity of conveying information

topic (= *subject, issue*)

n. 화제, 이야기거리

the subject matter of a conversation or discussion

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Body

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In specific, _____.

it is reported by _____, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

Thus, _____.

House vs. Business

* Today's Topic

Your aunt is going to give you enough money to buy either a house or a business. In your answer, explain which you would choose to buy and why you would make that decision. Be sure to use specific reasons and examples.

House

- your own place to live
- privacy
- more room
- comfortable
- business is risky
- business takes a lot of work

Business

- make money
- build self-confidence
- achievement
- could buy a bigger house

* Vocabulary & Expressions

aunt

the sister of your father or mother

n. 이모, 숙모, 고모

self-confidence (= *economic, business*)

belief in yourself and your abilities

n. 자신

achievement (= *assuredness*)

a gathering of spectators or listeners at a performance

n. 관중

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

Thus, _____.

Conclusion

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Long vacations vs. Short vacations

* Today's Topic

Do you think that students should have one long vacation every year or several short vacations in a year? Why? Explain your answer using specific details and clear reasons.

One long vacation

- start fresh after vacation
- get it out of the way
- can get a job
- summer is too hot for students to study

Several short vacations

- give more breaks
- students remember more contents
- teachers don't need to spend much time on review

* Vocabulary & Expressions

vacation (= holiday)

n. 정기 휴가

leisure time away from work devoted to rest or pleasure

several (= various, a few)

a. 몇몇의

of an indefinite number more than 2 or 3 but not many

review

n. 복습, 연습

practice intended to polish performance or refresh the memory

Introduction

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In brief, _____.

Does the clothes affect our behavior?

* Today's Topic

Some people believe that clothing influences how a person acts. Do you agree that the clothes we wear affect how we behave? Give specific examples to support your answer.

Affect behavior

- formal clothes make people more serious
- soldiers, officers, etc.
- put us 'in character' for a situation

Does not affect behavior

- mindset is more important
- clothes can't reflect our emotions

* Vocabulary & Expressions

formal (= *established, orderly*)

a. 격식 차린

being in accord with established forms and conventions and requirements

mindset (= *mentality*)

n. 사고

a habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations

reflection (= *representation*)

n. 반영

expression without words

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Body

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Big cities vs. Small town

* Today's Topic

There are people who enjoy living in a big city. Others prefer to live in a small town. Which kind of area would you like to live in? Explain your opinion by using specific details and reasons.

Big cities

- lots of things to do
- more exciting
- more cultural centers
- diversity
- many businesses

Small town

- slow pace of life
- peaceful
- personal / know people
- enjoy nature
- fresh air
- big cities are dirty and crowded
- big cities have higher rates of violence, crime, and drugs

* Vocabulary & Expressions

prefer (= favor)

like better

vt. 오히려 ...을 좋아하다

peaceful (= friendly, serene)

not disturbed by strife or turmoil or war

a. 평온한

violence (= rampage, intensity)

an act of aggression

n. 폭력

Introduction

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In summary, _____.

Lesson 11

How do you spend given money to your school?

* Today's Topic

Someone has given a sum of money to your local school. How do you think the school should spend the money and why do you believe this? Support your opinion with specific examples and details.

Ex. Computers

- teach students about technology
- learn how to use computer
- all jobs in the future need to use computers
- provide information instantly
- students can research online / unlimited resources

* Vocabulary & Expressions

local (= *provincial, regional*)

a. 지방의

relating to or applicable to or concerned with the administration
of a city or town or district rather than a larger area

instantly (= *immediately, directly*)

ad. 즉시로

without delay or hesitation

unlimited (= *unrestricted, infinite*)

n. 무한한, 끝없는

having no limits in range or scope

Introduction

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because _____.

Body

Firstly, _____. / Secondly, _____.

In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

Thus, _____.

Lesson 12

Can younger people learn from older people?

* Today's Topic

"Younger people cannot learn from older people anything new". Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not? Be sure to give specific examples to support your opinion.

Agree

- recent technology advancement
- Internet
- new information
- different generation
- new culture

Disagree

- learn from past
- older people are wise

* Vocabulary & Expressions

recent (= late, current)

a. 최근의

of the immediate past or just previous to the present time

generation (= age group)

n. 세대

all the people living at the same time or of approximately the same age

wise (= intelligent, reasonable)

a. 슬기로운, 현명한

having or prompted by wisdom or discernment

Introduction

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

Thus, _____.

Conclusion

In short, _____.

Apartment vs. House

* Today's Topic

Some people prefer to live in apartments while others prefer to live in house. Which one would you prefer to live in? Explain your reasons for choosing this place.

Apartment

- easy to clean
- convenient
- safe

House

- luxury
- spacious
- privacy

* Vocabulary & Expressions

convenient (= *useful, helpful*)

a. 편리한

suited to your comfort or purpose or needs

spacious (= *extensive, expansive*)

a. 넓은

very large in expanse or scope

privacy

n. 사생활

the quality of being secluded from the presence or view of others

Introduction

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because _____.

Body

First of all, _____. / Moreover, _____.

In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In brief, _____.

The laws to prohibit smoking in public places

* Today's Topic

Many countries have passed laws to prohibit smoking in public places and office buildings. This has angered many smokers. What do you think about these laws? Are they good or bad? Give reasons and examples to explain your answer.

Smoking

- free choice
- convenient for smokers

Non-Smoking

- health
- good etiquette
- good for kids
- cigarettes create pollution

* Vocabulary & Expressions

prohibit (= *inhibit, ban*)

vt. 금지하다

command against

etiquette (= *manners, politeness*)

n. 예의

rules governing socially acceptable behavior

cigarette

n. 담배

finely ground tobacco wrapped in paper

Introduction

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Lesson 15

The measure of one's success

* Today's Topic

"The measure of one's success is the amount of money you make."
Do you agree or disagree with this statement? If you disagree, is there another way to define success? If you agree, why is money the best way to define success? Give specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Agree

- provide basic needs
- can do fun things
- luxury
- relax

Disagree

- attitudes are more important
- judge by accomplishments
- other motives are more important
- helping people
- improving the world for everyone
- can have fun without money

* Vocabulary & Expressions

measure (= calculate, judge)

vt. 측정하다

evaluate or estimate the nature, quality, ability, extent, or significance of

success (= victory, achievement)

n. 성공

an event that accomplishes its intended purpose

accomplishment (= triumph, achievement)

n. 성취

the action of accomplishing something

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In summary, _____.

Public transportation vs. Highways and roads

* Today's Topic

Your tax is spent every year on different things. Would you prefer the government to spend more tax on making public transportation better, including improving subways, buses and trains? Or would you prefer the government spends more money on making highways and roads safer and easier to travel on? Be sure to support your answer with clear reasons and specific examples.

Public transportation

- better for environment
- attracts more tourists to the area
- not every one has a car

Highways and roads

- driving is more convenient
- improve traffic

* Vocabulary & Expressions

tax (= *impost*)

n. 세금

charge against a citizen's person or property or activity for the support of government

transportation (= *conveyance*)

n. 수송, 운송

a facility consisting of the means and equipment necessary
for the movement of passengers or goods

highway

n. 주요도로

a major road for any form of motor transport

Introduction

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Plants

* Today's Topic

Plants are important for people's survival because they provide food, shelter, clothing, medicine, and many other important items. Name one plant that you think is important to you and your country and explain why. Support your opinion with detailed reasons and examples.

lumber / trees

- houses
- furniture, etc
- heat
- paper(books, school, work, etc.)
- industry

* Vocabulary & Expressions

shelter (= *habitat*)

n. 피난처

a structure that provides privacy and protection from danger

medicine (= *remedy, drug*)

n. 약

something that treats or prevents or alleviates the symptoms of disease

furniture

n. 가구

furnishings that make a room or other area ready for occupancy

Introduction

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Technology vs. Basic needs

* Today's Topic

Should a government spend more money on the development of technology, such as computers, or should more of its resources go to meeting the basic needs of its citizens? Explain your answer with specific examples and details.

Technology

- important for communication
- makes society more efficient
- basic needs can be achieved more easily with technology
- technology improves education
- don't want country to fall behind in technology
- preparation for uncertain future

Basic needs

- equality
- immediate needs
- convenient
- satisfy citizens

* Vocabulary & Expressions

resource

available source of wealth

n. 자원

efficient (= *adept, effective*)

being effective without wasting time or effort or expense

a. 능률적인

satisfy (= *content*)

meet the requirements or expectations of

vt. 만족시키다

Introduction

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Lesson 19

Which country do you want to go?

* Today's Topic

You have been told that you are able to visit the foreign country of your choice for two weeks. Where would you like to go and why? Support your answer with specific reasons and details.

Ex. France

- cathedrals / castles
- monuments
- museums
- culture(food, language, customs)
- shopping
- Eiffel Tower

* Vocabulary & Expressions

foreign

of concern to or concerning the affairs of other nations

a. 외국의

cathedral

any large and important church

n. 대성당

monument (= *memorial*)

a structure erected to commemorate persons or events

n. 기념비

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Conclusion

Is childhood the most important time in your life?

* Today's Topic

"A person's childhood is the most important time in his life." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain why you agree or disagree. Provide examples and clear reasons to support your answer.

Agree

- childhood predicts adulthood
- foundation
- learning experiences
- builds personality

Disagree

- time doesn't matter
- people easily forget about childhood
- people change

* Vocabulary & Expressions

childhood (= *adolescence*)

n. 어린 시절

the time of person's life when they are a child

foundation (= *base*)

n. 기초

the basis on which something is grounded

personality (= *traits, nature*)

n. 개성

the complex of all the attributes that characterize a unique individual

Introduction

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