

# Household pets should live indoors



Some individuals and families look at their pets as another member of their household while other individuals look at pets as protection for their home or something to rid the area of rodents. Studies have shown that people who have pets have improved health, lower blood pressure and happier relationships.

Points For	Points Against
Pets who live indoors have an opportunity to develop relationships with family members.	Pets who live indoors may develop a relationship with only one or two family members and may cause jealousy and resentment amongst family members.
A pet sleeping with a child or a family member can bring comfort and security.	Pets walk outside and can bring dirt, debris and pests inside with them.
Because of their keen hearing and senses, dogs that stay indoors can be a great deterrent for anyone trying to break in. Cats, too, have been known to attack intruders. Cats can also catch any mice or rats that enter the home.	Dogs are best to live outside in order to deter any intruders. Their keen hearing and senses can be alerted sooner to someone coming too close to the home. Cats are best left outside in order to catch rodents.
It's best to keep pets indoors so that their eating habits and health can be monitored more carefully. If pets live inside, they are protected against the elements. If cats live indoors, it is easier to detect urinary tract problems along with parasites.	Dog houses and cat shelters can be provided so that pets can sleep safely and comfortably. When pets do come inside, their health can be monitored at that time.



# Useful language to use in formal debates

In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

## **Building your Argument**

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

## **Opinions, Preferences:**

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

## **Disagreeing:**

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

## **Partially agreeing:**

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

## **Delaying Strategies**

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

## **Asking someone to repeat**

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

## **Holding the floor**

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that..., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet, I haven't made my point yet ...

## **Expressing solutions and alternatives**

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ...,  
To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices....,

# Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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