

Mothers should stay at home and look after children



Women are being bombarded with messages that they can 'have it all', marriage, children and develop a career just so they can be seen as a successful woman. There are consequences to pursuing these lifestyle choices. Children are often looked after by a nanny, mothers are working over-time at work, and family life is neglected. Others say that paid work makes mothers happier and can, over long periods of time, improve living standards. There are even more options to work part-time or flexible hours which can allow mothers to continue their career choices after childbirth.

| Points For | Points Against |
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| Day care has ruined families and the development of children. Some mothers are working such long hours that their children are being cared for nearly 40 hours per week. How can the children develop? Why should they suffer for their mother's career. | Women are not servants to their family. They have their own lives and are entitled to live their life as they please. The pursuit of happiness also applies to mothers. |
| Bonding with children is important. When they are separated how can this bond develop and lead to a life-long relationship. | Women already sacrifice much during pregnancy, suffering back pain, waiting for the baby for nine months, and then giving birth. Men can not just have a laid back life while women are doing all the work. |
| Women are leaders in the home. Without mothers living at home who would create the family? In most instance in nature it is the mother what cultivates a productive family life. | Some need work. We are not all fortunate enough to be able to have a stable financial life with just one parent working. Money is a significant deciding factor. |



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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