

THE CRITICS' CHOICE

Activity Eight The big debate

Instructions

1. Divide the class in half and organise the two groups to face each other.
2. Assign one group the Affirmative and one group the Negative for the following statements.
3. Allocate an adjudicator and judges if desired.
4. The adjudicator takes arguments from students in an orderly way. e.g hands up, holding microphone.

Statements

- Every person should be able to breathe smoke-free air.
- Every person should have the right to smoke.
- Plain packaging on cigarette packets is an unfair attack on tobacco companies' freedom to advertise their product and shows that the government is against freedom of choice.
- People should be able to enjoy a meal at an outdoor restaurant without having to breathe in secondhand smoke.
- Legislation should be invoked to prevent pregnant women from smoking.
- People should be able to choose to smoke in their own cars, regardless of whether children are with them.
- Smoking should be banned in outdoor eating places.
- Smoking is more dangerous than binge drinking.
- Addiction is a choice.