

## Rules for debate or discussions.

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| <p>Debate Rules and Suggestions</p> <p>Advice on Debating with Others</p>   |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Avoid the use of Never.</li><li>2. Avoid the use of Always.</li><li>3. Refrain from saying you are wrong.</li><li>4. You can say your idea is mistaken.</li><li>5. Don't disagree with obvious truths.</li><li>6. Attack the idea not the person.</li><li>7. Use many rather than most.</li><li>8. Avoid exaggeration.</li><li>9. Use some rather than many.</li><li>10. The use of often allows for exceptions.</li><li>11. The use of generally allows for exceptions.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Quote sources and numbers.</li><li>2. If it is just an opinion, admit it.</li><li>3. Do not present opinion as facts.</li><li>4. Smile when disagreeing.</li><li>5. Stress the positive.</li><li>6. You do not need to win every battle to win the war.</li><li>7. Concede minor or trivial points.</li><li>8. Avoid bickering, quarreling, and wrangling.</li><li>9. Watch your tone of voice.</li><li>10. Don't win a debate and lose a friend.</li><li>11. Keep your perspective - You're just debating.</li></ol> |
| <p>You need to be very polite when disagreeing with someone in English, even someone you know quite well.<br/>With someone you know very well, you can disagree more directly.</p>  |  |

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