Debating Words

Fill in the spaces below with the debating word that matches the definition.

_____________________________: A verbal fight with rules between two teams; an affirmative and a negative.

_____________________________: The “Yes” team. The team that agrees with the topic.

_____________________________: The “No” team. The team that disagrees with the topic.

_____________________________: The person who controls the debate and calls the speakers when it is their turn to speak.

_____________________________: The person who keeps time during the debate. At the conclusion of the debate s/he hands the sheet with times to the adjudicator.

_____________________________: The judge of the debate. S/he gives constructive feedback to the debaters.

_____________________________: What you say; the content of your speech.

_____________________________: how you say it; it is the physical aspect of your speech and includes eye contact, stance and gestures.

_____________________________: How you put it together; it is the structure of your speech.

_____________________________: The meaning of the topic. You should use a dictionary to define the topic.

_____________________________: The beginning of your speech. Speakers say “Good afternoon Mr/Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.”

_____________________________: Where you argue against the opposition’s points. You would say “The opposition has tried to tell you....this is wrong because...”

_____________________________: Points that support your side of the topic.

_____________________________: Why your arguments are true.

_____________________________: Cards used by debaters to write their speech.
Debating Words (ANSWERS)

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**Debate**: A verbal fight with rules between two teams; an affirmative and a negative.

**Affirmative Team**: The “Yes” team. The team that agrees with the topic.

**Negative Team**: The “No” team. The team that disagrees with the topic.

**Chairman**: The person who controls the debate and calls the speakers when it is their turn to speak.

**Timekeeper**: The person who keeps time during the debate. At the conclusion of the debate s/he hands the sheet with times to the adjudicator.

**Adjudicator**: The judge of the debate. S/he gives constructive feedback to the debaters.

**Argument**: What you say; the content of your speech.

**Presentation**: How you say it; it is the physical aspect of your speech and includes eye contact, stance and gestures.

**Structure**: How you put it together; it is the structure of your speech.

**Definition**: The meaning of the topic. You should use a dictionary to define the topic.

**Introduction**: The beginning of your speech. Speakers say “Good afternoon Mr/Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

**Rebuttal**: Where you argue against the opposition’s points. You would say “The opposition has tried to tell you....this is wrong because...”

**Arguments**: Points that support your side of the topic.

**Reasons**: Why your arguments are true.

**Cue Cards**: Cards used by debaters to write their speech.