



DEBATE RULES 2024

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11th. TORTOSA IRISH ENGLISH FESTIVAL

ENGLISH LEARNERS IN ACTION

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VERY IMPORTANT !!!!

All the participants have had to send and sign the forms of

- Contrato de cesión de derechos de autor
- Consentimiento explícito de cesión de imágenes.

All Rooms in University and all delivery prizes ceremonies for all debates will be informed one week before the Debates.

PRIMARY PUPILS CONTEST (Quiz & Escape Room)

RULES

Public or private schools can participate, which have registered before Friday, March 1st., 2024. The level that can participate is 6th grade of Primary Education. Anglophones cannot participate.

Each participating centre will select a team of 4 students who will have to compete in English with other educational centres.

The first phase will consist of a "Turning Point" where the captain of each team will have a remote control to answer the questions they will have previously consulted with their group. The time allowed to answer will be 30 seconds. The Quiz will consist of blocks of questions about the natural and social environments, sports, mathematics, and cinema. Each block will contain 10 questions and each block will have a value of 25%.

The second phase will consist of an Escape Room. Students will have a touch tablet and mastery of the English language will be important to overcome the big challenges proposed. Each phase will last a maximum of one hour and the sum of the points achieved will produce the winning team.

Each participating team can support 12 people between students, teachers and parents.



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The organization reserves the right to modify the final format after the registration period has closed.

DAY, PLACE OF THE DEBATES AND CONTACTS

The contest will take place on Friday, March 15th., 2024, at 09:45 a.m. in Rovira i Virgili University, Terres de l'Ebre Campus.

The competition will be open to the public. Recording debates are allowed.

The jury will be made up of three native English speaking teachers, representative of TIEFA.

VERDICT AND DELIVERY OF PRIZES

The final verdict will be made public once the jury has deliberated at the end of the last competition, and the prizes will be awarded during the Festival

JUNIOR STUDENTS in a debate

RULES

Public or private institutes and schools can participate, which have registered before Friday, March 1st., 2024.

The levels that can participate are 1st. and 2nd. ESO. Anglophones cannot participate.

Each participating centre must produce a video of a maximum of 5 minutes, with the participation of 4 students, on one of the following topics:

- a) Create a book trailer - Instead of a traditional book report, students will have the opportunity to think creatively and share a story.
- b) Fast food or locally produced food: Which has a lower CO2 footprint?
- c) Re-create a moment in history - Have students research and recreate major moments in history.
- d) Make a "how-to" video – students can practice their informative writing skills by making short videos that explain how to bake a cake, ride a skateboard, or shoot a soccer goal.
- e) Tour our school - A student-led tour of their school, from the cafeteria to the library to the front office.
- f) Living in the city versus living in the countryside.



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- g) Education in the future.
- h) What we do in our free time and what our grandparents did.

These videos must be sent to the following address before Friday, March 8th 2024.

tortosaenglishfest@gmail.com.

A jury will evaluate the work based on criteria that will be given at the time of registration and will give a score that will be added to the test they will take at 10:00 on March 15th. at the URV. The representative teams of these centres, with 4 students per team, will pass to the second phase, which will consist of two elimination tests. It will take place during the morning of March 15th. in the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Campus de les Terres de l'Ebre.

This second phase will consist of 10 minutes of dialogue between the 4 members of each team, about various daily situations that will be provided to them when the activity starts. Beforehand, 15 minutes will be available for all the teams to prepare their dialogue. A jury will evaluate the corresponding dialogues, following the transmitted criteria, and after evaluating all the tasks performed, two teams will be chosen to go to the final.

The final will consist of a debate on one of the following topics that will be decided by a prior draw:

- a) Students should have daily housework tasks at home.
- b) Pros and cons of online shopping
- c) Pros and cons of using computer equipment in class.
- d) Graffiti on public buildings and transport should be allowed.
- e) Mobile phone should not be permitted in schools.
- f) Celebrities should be allowed to have their own privacy.
- g) The use of plastic packaging should be banned.

DAY, LOCATION OF THE FINAL PHASE AND CONTACTS

The final phase will be open to the public, can be recorded, and will take place on Friday, March 15th., 2024, at 12:00 in the morning, in the Rovira i Virgili University room Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Terres de l'Ebre Campus.

The jury will be made up of representatives from TIEFA

VERDICT AND DELIVERY OF PRIZES

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SENIOR STUDENTS in a debate

RULES

Public or private institutes and schools can participate, which have registered before Friday, March 1st, 2024.

The levels that can participate are 3rd. and 4th. ESO. Anglophones cannot participate.

Each participating centre will select 3 students who will have to debate in English on the topics that will be on a list posted on the Festival website. Both the topic and the position to be defended (for or against) will be drawn by lots at the time of the debate and in public.

The student will not be able to take notes in advance, or dictionaries of any kind of support and will not be allowed to carry a mobile phone. However, they can bring blank sheets and a pen to write down what they want to prepare in their speech.

The debate time will be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 8, and a microphone system will be used. All team members must have participated at some point in the debate, although they do not have to respect an established order, whoever has the appropriate answer can intervene. However, if any member of the group does not intervene, points will be deducted.

There will be a moderator of the debate who will do the drawings, will have the function of intervening if speaking turns are not respected, and will energize the conversation if it is stagnant.

The debate will have elimination phases. The number of these phases will depend on the number of registrants. The organization reserves the right to modify the final format after the registration period has closed.

PREPARATION: It is important for teachers to work on argumentation in addition to linguistic competence and pronunciation. The jury will award points to the contributions of ideas, arguments and counterarguments that each topic can suggest.

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SENIOR STUDENTS DEBATE TOPICS 2024

- a) Students should have daily housework tasks at home.
- b) Governments should put a “sugar tax” on certain products like fizzy drinks.
- c) There should be no time-change within European Countries.
- d) The government must give incentives to encourage measures to prevent climate change.
- e) Graffiti on public buildings and transport should be allowed.
- f) Mobile phone should not be permitted in schools.
- g) Excessive packaging of food products should be legislated.
- h) The government should pay for all university education.
- i) Social media comments should be protected by free speech.
- j) Governments should be allowed to monitor social media activity.
- k) Single-sex schools are more effective than mixed schools.
- l) Security cameras are an invasion of our privacy.
- m) Teenagers should start school one hour later to improve academic performance.
- n) All films and series should be shown in their original language and not dubbed.
- o) Buying locally grown products will help prevent co2 emissions.
- p) Glass containers are better than aluminium or plastic.
- q) Becoming vegan is impossible in our consumer society.
- r) Being a vegetarian causes more problems for society than we think.
- s) Cars should be banned from city centres.

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