

Speaker Responsibilities for Worlds-Style Debate

Speaker	Speaker Responsibilities
Upper House (First Half of the Debate)	
<i>Prime Minister</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines and interprets the motion • Describes the approach the First Government team will take • Constructs the case for that interpretation of the motion
<i>Leader of Opposition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a stance that both Opposition teams will defend throughout the debate. • Refutes the case of offered by the Prime Minister. • Constructs one or more arguments against the motion as the Prime Minister interpreted it.
<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refutes the arguments presented by the Leader of Opposition. • Rebuilds the case presented by the Prime Minister. • Constructs one or more new arguments supporting the case of the Prime Minister.
<i>Deputy Leader of Opposition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues refutation of case presented by the Prime Minister. • Refutes any new arguments presented by the Deputy Prime Minister. • Rebuilds arguments of the Leader of Opposition • Constructs one or more new arguments supporting those presented by the Leader of the Opposition.
Lower House (Second Half of the Debate)	
<i>Member of Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the general direction and case of the First Government team. • Briefly continues refutation of First Opposition team's arguments • Refutes new arguments introduced by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. • Constructs at least one new argument that is different from but consistent with the case of the 1st Government (sometimes called an extension).
<i>Member of Opposition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the general direction taken by the First Opposition team. • Briefly continues refutation of the case of the First Government team. • Refutes arguments introduced by the Member of Government. • Constructs at least one new argument (extension) that is different from but consistent with the case of the 1st Opposition.
<i>Government Whip</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refutes the extension offered by the Member of Opposition. Sometimes this refutation can be folded into the overall summary of the debate. • Summarizes the entire debate from the point of view of the Government, defending the general viewpoint of both Government teams, with a special eye toward the case of the Second Government team. This overall summary may include a defense of the Member of Government's extension. • Usually does not provide new arguments.
<i>Opposition Whip</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refutes the extension offered by the Member of Government. Sometimes this refutation can be folded into the overall summary of the debate. • Summarizes the entire debate from the point of view of the opposition, defending the general viewpoint of both Opposition teams with a special eye toward the case of the Second opposition. This overall summary may include a defense of the Member of Opposition's extension. • Does not provide new arguments.