

Activity 25

“Out of the Basket”

Goal: generate arguments under time pressure

Teacher prepares some debate positions on small paper snippets.

All paper snippets are folded and put in a basket.

Every student draws a paper snippet. Everyone prepares two full arguments on her position. Students are asked to talk for one minute about their positions with the two arguments she develops.

Students who have the matching pro/con arguments take turns presenting their arguments.