

Suggestions:

7 school sessions for 7<sup>th</sup> graders in full class

Session 1:

What is a Debate

What makes a good Debater

Short exercise with an easy Debate topic

Introduction into a model for constructing arguments: A-R-E+L

Training along this model

Session 2:

Training for constructing arguments (review, individual work with worksheet, presentations in front of class)

Introduction of a model for constructing counterarguments (Two teachers demonstrate along an example)

Application of the model by students

Session 3:

Comment on worksheets from the previous session

Review of counterargument model

Working in pairs: Creating counterarguments

Presentations of the pair work

#### Session 4:

Comment on worksheets from the previous session  
Introduction of useful Debate Expressions  
Reflection on empathy  
Debate with arguments and counterarguments  
by using Debate Expressions

#### Session 5:

Introduction to speeches  
Introducing a basic speech model  
Students work out small speeches getting different topics randomly  
Students hold speeches in front of class

#### Session 6:

Body language and style of presentation – introduction  
Students prepare small speeches and hold them in front of class  
Reflection of body language and style of presentation

► If there is still time, a 7<sup>th</sup> session could be added:

#### Session 7:

Focusing on teamwork and stress management  
Teamwork activity: setting priorities  
How to make arguments strong  
Reflection on stress management