

## Activity 33

### “Defend Your Argument!”

Goal: anticipate counterarguments / develop strategies of defence

Students work in pairs on a debate topic.

The teacher randomly assigns randomly one side of the debate topic to the pairs.

- The student pairs develop two arguments for one side of the debate motion.
- After this, they anticipate the counterarguments of the others: what might the others say against your argument?
- The next step is to create a defence strategy for their two arguments:  
how can you defend yourself against the others?  
How can you back up your two arguments in answer to the others?