

Arguing in English

Students enrolled in the course Arguing in English have to cope with four tasks before and in class: they watch video materials and go over the reading materials that their instructor sends to them a week before the class, noting both the points made, strategies applied, and the vocabulary/grammar used in those materials; they form their own opinions about the subject matter that was discussed and prepare some arguments and/or cases for the development of their opinions in class; they make a 10-minute speech in favour or against the motion announced for the class, if they act as panelists in class, OR they pose questions or contribute comments asking one particular panelist, one panel (for or against), or to all panelists to give a short answer (two or three of those); and they produce written expression of the position in the subject area of the current motion (in three situations – if they stay away from a class, in their mid-term essay, and in their final examination).