



BALLOON DEBATE ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

1. Divide your students into groups.
2. Assign each group a specific topic or theme for the debate.
3. Explain the concept of a balloon debate, where students imagine they're in a hot air balloon that's losing altitude, and they must convince the others why their topic is the most important to save.





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STEPS TO ORGANISE THE ACTIVITY

01

RESEARCH AND PREPARATION

Provide time for students to research and gather information about their assigned topic. Encourage critical thinking and analysis of different perspectives related to the topic.

02

CONSTRUCTING ARGUMENTS

Each group should brainstorm and create persuasive arguments to support their topic. Encourage students to consider both logical reasoning and emotional appeals.

03

PRESENTATIONS

Give each group an opportunity to present their arguments in front of the class. Allow time for questions, rebuttals, and counterarguments from other students.

04

VOTING AND REFLECTION

After all the presentations, conduct a class vote to determine which topic should be saved. Engage in a discussion about the different arguments and perspectives presented. Encourage students to reflect on the persuasive techniques used and the impact of effective communication.





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TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Encourage collaboration within the groups.
2. Provide resources and guidance for research.
3. Set clear guidelines for respectful debate and active listening.
4. Encourage creativity in presentation formats (speeches, posters, multimedia, etc.).
5. Foster a positive and supportive classroom environment throughout the activity.

The Balloon Debate Challenge is an interactive way to develop critical thinking, research skills, and persuasive communication in your students.

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