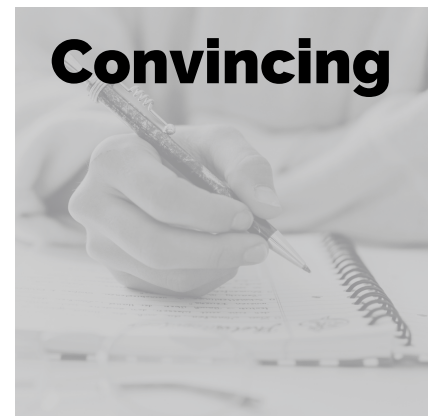
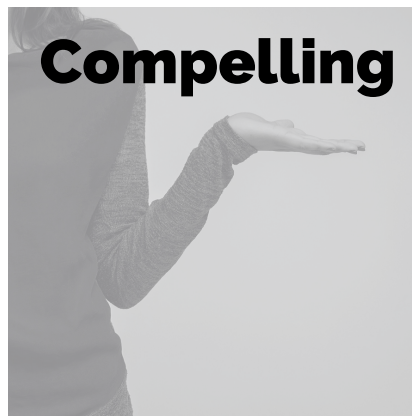


10. Choosing a Delivery Style

Each team will need to think carefully about how they are going to deliver the arguments they wish to make in the debate. Choosing a suitable delivery style will enable them to communicate the points they wish to make effectively.

Considering ways to be more **Confident, Compelling and Convincing** (otherwise known as **the 3Cs** of debating) can help your students when deciding on a delivery style.



- 1 Give your students a copy of the 3Cs worksheet. Have them discuss as a group and note down things they might do to ensure they come across as confident, compelling, and convincing during the debate.
- 2 Give your students a copy of the Top Tips sheet. Have them discuss some of the ideas suggested and add any others to the notes they have already made on the 3CS sheet.
- 3 You may wish to print off the 3Cs poster to display on the classroom wall.

The 3Cs of debating

Think about the 3Cs when choosing your delivery style. You are aiming to be:



onfident



ompelling



onvincing



Debating Top Tips

Tip 1: Practice your speech in advance

Make sure you know what you want to say and rehearse it in advance. It's fine to have some notes you can refer to. Bullet points work well!



Tip 2: Prepare your counter-arguments

Anticipate what the opposing team will argue and prepare some counter arguments in advance. You can jot down any additional points you'd like to make during the debate itself.



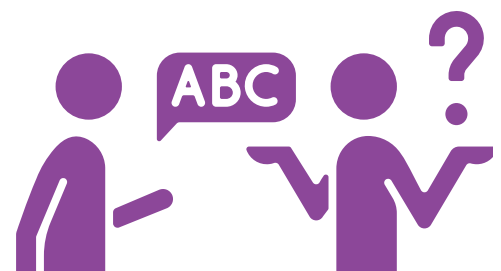
Tip 3: Consider your voice

Project your voice so the audience can hear you clearly. Vary the tone, pitch and speed of your voice to maintain the interest of your listeners, to emphasise key points, and to convey emotion.



Tip 4: Think about your body language

Look at the people you are speaking to. Use facial expressions and hand gestures to convey meaning, but avoid overusing them which can be distracting. Consider holding on to something (e.g. your notes or the table) if you feel nervous.



Tip 5: Use humour carefully

Make sure any humour you use is relevant and appropriate. Use it carefully and sparingly so that it doesn't detract from your key points.



Choosing a Delivery Style: the 3Cs

Once you know what you are going to argue and have worked out how you are going to do this, you need to think about how you will deliver your speech. Different people will naturally have different styles, but it may be helpful for your team to agree on the overall delivery style you are going for (e.g. serious, passionate etc). Whatever delivery style you choose, remember the 3Cs: you need to appear confident, compelling and convincing.

| Delivery style | Explanation | Things I can do |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Confident | Some people are naturally more confident than others, especially when it comes to public speaking. Even if you don't feel confident at all, there are things you can do to help you appear confident to your audience. | |
| Compelling | When you are speaking you should be aiming to capture and hold the attention of your audience and get them to believe in the arguments you are making. You need to give the impression that you believe in what you are saying and that you are speaking from the heart. | |
| Convincing | You need to get your audience to believe what you are saying. Not only do your arguments and evidence need to be convincing, but your delivery style should be too. | |

