

Read It

debate

Define It

A debate is a formal discussion of, or argument about, a particular topic.

Digging Deeper:

In a formal debate, there is a set structure that is normally adhered to. This will include, for example, introductions by the chairperson, each side having an opening presentation, as well as final remarks. Debating is useful practise for developing our speaking and listening skills.

A debate can also refer to a less formal discussion or disagreement. For example, 'Mia and her mum couldn't even eat dinner without ending up in a debate about something'.

Draw It

Deconstruct It

From the Latin *battere*, meaning to beat, to fight.

Link It

Discuss, argue, explore, dispute, disagree.

Use It

The students had a debate about vegetarianism.