

Debate topics linked to science units

UNIT	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Animals, including Humans	<p>FOR: I think YES because...</p> <p>AGAINST: I think NO because...</p> <p>I WONDER: A question I have is..., I wonder..., What if...?</p> <p>Is exercise more important than sleep?</p> <p>Is it more important to hear or to see?</p> <p>Are loud sounds fun or annoying?</p> <p>Are pets good for children? Should everyone have a pet? Is a fish a good pet?</p> <p>Is it okay to keep a wild animal as a pet?</p> <p>Are all animals born in the same way?</p> <p>Should everyone try to help birds in winter?</p>	<p>OPENING STATEMENT: My opinion is...</p> <p>GIVE REASONS: My reasons/evidence are...</p> <p>COUNTERPOINT: On the other hand, ...</p> <p>REBUTTAL: I disagree because...</p> <p>BUILD: I'd like to add/build on...</p> <p>QUESTION: I would like to ask...</p> <p>FINAL THOUGHTS: My thinking now is...</p> <p>Should sugary drinks be banned in school lunchboxes?</p> <p>Should we keep animals in zoos?</p> <p>Are insects more helpful than harmful?</p>	<p>OPENING STATEMENT: My viewpoint is...</p> <p>PROVIDE EVIDENCE: My reasons are...</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGE ALTERNATIVES: Some people argue...</p> <p>REBUTTAL: However, I challenge that because...</p> <p>BUILD & EXTEND: Adding to that...and...</p> <p>CRITICAL QUESTIONING: I'd like to ask...</p> <p>CLOSING SUMMARY: To conclude...</p> <p>Should everyone be vegetarian for health reasons?</p> <p>Should humans eat meat?</p> <p>Is exercise more important than diet?</p>

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Plants	<p>Are trees more important than flowers?</p> <p>Should everyone plant a tree?</p> <p>Is it better to grow food or flowers in your garden?</p> <p>Do plants need humans?</p>	<p>Is it better to plant wildflowers than grass in gardens?</p> <p>Are all plants green?</p> <p>Which part of a plant is the most important?</p>	
Living Things and Their Habitats		<p>Should we keep animals in zoos?</p> <p>Should humans protect endangered species no matter the cost?</p>	<p>Are plants more important than animals?</p> <p>Are microorganisms more helpful or harmful?"</p> <p>Should we reintroduce extinct species if possible?</p> <p>Should humans ever change a habitat to help a species survive?</p>
Seasons	<p>Which is better: summer or winter?</p> <p>Is snow more fun or more annoying?</p> <p>Is rain helpful or unhelpful?</p> <p>Should children always play outside, even when it's cold?</p> <p>Is day more important than night?</p> <p>Should we always go to bed as soon as it goes dark?</p>		

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Material Uses and Properties	<p>Which is better for toys: wood or plastic?</p> <p>Should we stop using glitter?</p> <p>Is paper stronger than we think?</p> <p>Can something be soft <i>and</i> strong?</p> <p>Should we always recycle?</p>	<p>Should schools ban single-use plastic?</p> <p>Are paper bags better than plastic bags?</p> <p>Which state of matter is the most important for life?</p>	<p>Is plastic more useful than harmful?</p> <p>Are irreversible changes always useful?</p> <p>Should we use only recyclable materials?</p> <p>Is dissolving the same as mixing?</p>
Earth and Space	NA	NA	<p>Is it important for humans to explore space?</p> <p>Should we spend more money studying space or protecting Earth?</p> <p>Would you want to live on another planet if you could?</p>
Light	NA	Is a shadow real?	Do we see because of our eyes or because of light?
Sound	NA	<p>Do loud sounds always come from big things?</p> <p>Is silence possible?</p>	
Forces	NA	Are magnets alive? (<i>brilliant misconception buster</i>)	Is friction more helpful or annoying?
Electricity	NA	<p>Should bicycles have to be electric in the future?</p> <p>Are batteries better than plugs?</p>	Should all cars be electric?

<p>Sustainability</p>	<p>Is it better to walk or ride in a car?</p> <p>Should we turn off lights even if we're coming back soon?</p> <p>"Is littering ever okay?"</p>	<p>Should everyone be required to recycle?</p> <p>Should single-use plastic be banned in the UK?</p> <p>Is wasting water as bad as dropping litter?</p> <p>Do small actions like turning off taps or switching off lights really help stop climate change?</p>	<p>Is wind power better than solar power?</p> <p>Should cars that use petrol be banned?</p> <p>Should every home use renewable electricity only?</p> <p>Who is more responsible for climate change – people or big companies?</p>
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