

debate**1. [dɪ'beɪt] n****1. 1) дискуссия, прения, дебаты**

forensic debates - *юр.* судебные прения, прения сторон в процессе
 policy debate - дебаты о политической программе
 full-dress debate - ≅ пленарные дебаты
 debate on the report - прения по докладу
 rules of debate - порядок дискуссии
 to open the debate - открыть прения
 to hold /to conduct/ debates - проводить дебаты
 to win debates - одержать верх в дебатах

2) спор, полемика

beyond debate - бесспорно
 in /under/ debate - обсуждаемый, дискутируемый
 after much debate - после долгих споров
 to hold debate with oneself - взвешивать, обдумывать

2. (the debates) pl официальный отчёт о парламентских заседаниях**3. *усл.* борьба, вражда, ссора**

the spirit of debate - дух борьбы

2. [dɪ'beɪt] v**1. 1) обсуждать, дискутировать, дебатировать, вести дебаты**

to debate a question /a point/ - обсуждать вопрос
 to debate a proposed amendment - вести дебаты по внесённой поправке

2) обсуждать, спорить, вести дебаты

to debate smth. (up)on /about, over/ smth. with smb. - спорить о чём-л. с кем-л.
 to debate the best places to go - спорить о том, куда лучше всего пойти
 to debate how to do it - обсуждать, как это сделать

2. обдумывать, взвешивать; размышлять

to debate a matter in one's mind - размышлять над какой-л. проблемой, взвешивать (все за и против)
 to debate with oneself - обдумывать (*что-л.*); убеждать самого себя
 I'm just debating whether to go or stay - *разг.* не знаю, как мне быть - уйти или остаться
 she was debating with herself /in her mind/ whether he was worthwhile - она никак не могла решить, стоит ли ему внимания или нет

debate

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de-bate AW [debate debates debated debating] noun, verb BrE [dɪ'beɪt]

NAme [dɪ'beɪt]

noun countable, uncountable ~ (on/about/over sth)

1. a formal discussion of an issue at a public meeting or in a parliament. In a **debate** two or more speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue

- a debate on abortion
- The minister opened the debate (= was the first to speak) .
- The motion **under debate** (= being discussed) was put to a vote.
- After a long debate, Congress approved the proposal.

2. an argument or discussion expressing different opinions

- a **heated /wide-ranging /lively debate**
- the current debate about tax
- There had been much debate on the issue of childcare.
- Whether he deserves what has happened to him is **open to debate /a matter for debate** (= cannot be certain or decided yet) .
- The theatre's future is a subject of considerable debate.

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin **dis-** (expressing reversal) + **battere** 'to fight'.

Thesaurus:**debate** noun**1. C**

- After a long debate, Congress approved the proposal.

discussion • **conversation** • **dialogue** • **talk** • **consultation** • **exchange** •

a/an debate/discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/consultation/exchange **about** sth

a/an debate/discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/consultation/exchange **with** sb

a/an debate/discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/consultation/exchange **between** two people/groups

have a/an debate/discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/consultation/exchange

2. C, U (usually approving)

- There has been much debate in the media about the war.

argument • **dispute** • **controversy** • **disagreement** • **usually disapproving conflict** •

(a/an) debate/argument/dispute/controversy/disagreement/conflict **about/over/between** sb/sth

a **bitter** debate/argument/dispute/controversy/disagreement/conflict

resolve a/an debate/argument/dispute/controversy/disagreement/conflict

Collocations:

Politics

Power

create/form/be the leader of a political party
gain/take/win/lose/regain control of Congress
start/spark/lead/be on the brink of a revolution
be engaged/locked in an internal power struggle
lead/form a rival/breakaway faction
seize/take control of the government/power
bring down/overthrow/topple the government/president/regime
abolish/overthrow/restore the monarchy
establish/install a military dictatorship/a stable government
be forced/removed/driven from office/power
resign/step down as party leader/an MP/president/prime minister
enter/retire from/return to political life

Political debate

spark/provoke a heated/hot/intense/lively debate
engage in/participate in/contribute to (the) political/public debate (on/over sth)
get involved in/feel excluded from the political process
launch/start/lead/spearhead a campaign/movement
join/be linked with the peace/anti-war/feminist/civil rights movement
criticize/speak out against/challenge /support the government
lobby/put pressure on the government(to do sth)
come under fire/pressure from opposition parties

Policy

call for/demand/propose/push for/advocate democratic/political/land reform(s)
formulate/implement domestic economic policy
change/influence/shape/have an impact on government/economic/public policy
be consistent with/be in line with/go against/be opposed to government policy
reform/restructure/modernize the tax system
privatize /improve/deliver /make cuts in public services
invest (heavily) in/spend sth on schools/education/public services/(the) infrastructure
nationalize the banks/the oil industry
promise/propose/deliver /give (\$80 billion in/significant/substantial/massive) tax cuts
a/the budget is approved / (especially NAmE) passed by parliament/congress

Making laws

have a majority in/have seats in Parliament/Congress/the Senate
propose/sponsor a bill/legislation/a resolution
introduce/bring in/draw up/draft/adopt/pass a bill/a law/legislation/measures
amend /repeal an act/a law/legislation
veto/vote against/oppose a bill/legislation/a measure/a proposal/a resolution
get/require/be decided by a majority vote
more collocations at ↑economy, ↑voting

Synonyms:

discussion

conversation • dialogue • talk • debate • consultation • chat • gossip

These are all words for an occasion when people talk about sth.

discussion • a detailed conversation about sth that is considered to be important: ▪ Discussions are still taking place between the two leaders.

conversation • a talk, usually a private or informal one, involving two people or a small group; the activity of talking in this way: ▪ a telephone conversation

dialogue • conversations in a book, play or film: ▪ The novel has long descriptions and not much dialogue. A **dialogue** is also a formal discussion between two groups, especially when they are trying to solve a problem or end a dispute: ▪ The President told waiting reporters there had been a constructive dialogue.

talk • a conversation or discussion, often one about a problem or sth important for the people involved ▪ I had a long talk with my boss about my career prospects.

debate • a formal discussion of an issue at a public meeting or in a parliament. In a debate two or more speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue: ▪ a debate on prison reform

consultation • a formal discussion between groups of people before a decision is made about sth: ▪ There have been extensive consultations between the two countries.

chat • a friendly informal conversation; informal talking. The countable use of **chat** is especially British English: ▪ I just called in for a chat about the kids.

gossip • a conversation about other people and their private lives: ▪ We had a good gossip about the boss.

a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **about** sth

a discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **on** sth

in (close) discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **with** sb

to **have** a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **with** sb

to **hold** a discussion/conversation/debate/consultation

Example Bank:

- A healthy society promotes vigorous debate.
- Do you ever speak in debates?
- Efforts to reduce the budget have led to a lot of internal debate at the studio.
- Experts pore over the President's debate performances.
- He accused the government of trying to stifle debate.
- He was reluctant to enter the debate for or against war.
- Honest debate is the foundation of democracy.
- Many leading charities have contributed to the debate on world poverty.
- Many of these points were raised during the debate on prison reform.
- Television actually encourages public debate about such issues.
- The benefits of the new law are open to debate.
- The club started admitting women in 1901 after years of bitter debate.
- The debate focused on who should pay for the changes.
- The entire debate is framed in terms of what you can do to protect yourself.
- The environmentalists seem to have lost the debate over the building of this road.
- The government lost the debate in the House of Commons.
- The incident has reignited public debate over the role of teachers.
- The issue is still under debate.
- The nature of this book is to provoke reasoned debate.
- The poll showed that the Democrat won last night's presidential debate.
- The president will open the debate.
- The proposed changes to the law have been the subject of much debate.
- The union holds debates for students.
- There has been heated debate about whether the film should be allowed.
- These events shifted debate from economic issues to social ones.
- This accident has sparked off an intense debate on road safety.
- Three major issues have dominated the education debate.
- We had a brief debate about whether or not to accept the offer.
- You cannot separate unemployment from the wider debate about the economy.
- a parliamentary debate on the fishing industry
- legislative debates over gay marriage
- the debate among academics
- the debate surrounding contemporary art
- the growing debate on school reform
- the ongoing debate over American foreign policy
- The motion under debate was put to a vote.
- The theatre's future is a subject of considerable debate.
- There has been much debate on the issue of childcare.
- Whether he deserved what happened to him is open to debate/a matter for debate.
- a debate on prison reform

Derived Word †debating

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive** to discuss sth, especially formally, before making a decision or finding a solution

Syn: †discuss

- ~ **(sth)** Politicians will be debating the bill later this week.
- The question of the origin of the universe is still **hotly debated** (= strongly argued about) by scientists.
- ~ **whether, what, etc...** The committee will debate whether to lower the age of club membership to 16.

2. **intransitive, transitive** to think carefully about sth before making a decision

- ~ **(with yourself)** She debated with herself for a while, and then picked up the phone.
- ~ **whether, what, etc...** We're debating whether or not to go skiing this winter.
- ~ **doing sth** For a moment he debated going after her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	debate
	BrE /dɪˈbeɪt/
	NAme /dɪˈbeɪt/
he / she / it	debates
	BrE /dɪˈbeɪts/
	NAme /dɪˈbeɪts/
past simple, past participle	debated
	BrE /dɪˈbeɪtɪd/
	NAme /dɪˈbeɪtɪd/
-ing form	debating
	BrE /dɪˈbeɪtɪŋ/
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Thesaurus:

debate verb T, I

• Politicians will be debating the issue next week.

discuss • **talk** • **speaking** • **consult** • [formal] **confer** •

debate/talk/discuss sth/speak/consult/confer **with** sb

talk/speak to sb/consult sb/confer **about** sth

debate/discuss **what/how/whether/when/who...**

Synonyms:

talk

discuss • speak • communicate • debate • consult

These words all mean to share news, information, ideas or feelings with another person or other people, especially by talking with them.

talk • to speak in order to give information, express feelings or share ideas: ▪ We talked on the phone for over an hour.

discuss • (rather formal) to talk and share ideas on a subject or problem with other people, especially in order to decide sth: ▪

Have you discussed the problem with anyone?

You cannot say 'discuss about sth': I'm not prepared to discuss about this on the phone.

speak • to talk to sb about sth; to have a conversation with sb: ▪ I've spoken to the manager about it. ◇▪ 'Can I speak to Susan?'

'Speaking.' ▪ (= at the beginning of a telephone conversation)

talk or speak?

Speak can suggest a more formal level of communication than **talk**. You **speak** to sb about sth to try to achieve a particular goal or to tell them to do sth. You **talk** to sb in order to be friendly or to ask their advice: ▪ Have you talked to your parents about the problems you're having? ◇▪ I've spoken to Ed about it and he's promised not to let it happen again.

communicate • (rather formal) to exchange information or ideas with sb: ▪ We only communicate by email. ◇▪ Dolphins use sound to communicate with each other.

Communicate is often used when the speaker wants to draw attention to the means of communication used.

debate • to discuss sth, especially formally, before making a decision or finding a solution: ▪ Politicians will be debating the bill later this week.

consult • (rather formal) to discuss sth with sb in order to get their permission for sth, or to help you make a decision: ▪ You shouldn't have done it without consulting me.

to talk/discuss sth/speak/communicate/debate/consult **with** sb

to talk/speak **to** sb

to talk/speak to sb/consult sb **about** sth

to talk/speak **of** sth

Example Bank:

- He sat there debating with himself what to do.
- The issue is still being hotly debated.
- The question of security needs to be debated publicly.
- The report has been widely debated in the industry.
- a presidential candidate debating with his opponent
- She debated with herself for a while and then picked up the phone.
- The question of the origin of the universe is still hotly debated by scientists.
- We're debating whether or not to go skiing this winter.

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I. **de** **bate**¹ **S2 W2 AC** /dɪ'beɪt/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑debate, ↑debater; **verb**: ↑debate]

1. [uncountable and countable] discussion of a particular subject that often continues for a long time and in which people express different opinions:

- the gun-control debate in the US
- The new drug has become the subject of heated debate within the medical profession.

debate over/about

- There has been widespread public debate over the introduction of genetically modified food.
- There was much lively debate about whether women should spend more time in the home.
- A fierce debate raged over which artist's work should be chosen for the prize.

debate between

- the ongoing debate between environmentalists and the road-building lobby over the future of our countryside
- Nuclear power has always been a topic that has sparked off considerable debate.

2. [uncountable and countable] a formal discussion of a particular problem, subject etc in which people express different opinions, and sometimes vote on them

debate on/over/about

- a debate on legalized gambling
- a televised debate

have/hold/conduct a debate

- It would have been better to hold the debate during the day.

be under debate

What topics are under debate in Congress this week?

3. **be open to debate** (also **be a matter for debate**) if an idea is open to debate, no one has proved yet whether it is true or false

SYN debatable :

" Whether that would have made any difference is open to debate.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **considerable debate** There has been considerable debate about the way forward for education.
- **lively debate** (=interesting and involving a lot of different opinions) The conference produced some lively debate.
- **intense debate** (=in which people put forward strong and different arguments) The future of the nuclear industry has been a matter of intense debate.
- **a heated/fierce debate** (=in which people express strong opinions in an angry way) There has been a fierce debate over the way the war was fought.
- **a wider debate** (=involving more people or a more general discussion) We believe that there should be a wider debate on such an important issue.
- **a public debate** (=in which people put forward their ideas publicly, so that everyone can form an opinion.) He called for a public debate on race and discrimination.
- **national debate** (=one that involves everyone in a country) It is time to start a national debate on the future of the health service.
- **political debate** (=involving members of political parties) There was much political debate on pensions reform.
- **long-running debate** (=continuing for a long time) the long-running debate about the future of our inner cities
- **ongoing debate** (=still continuing) This is unlikely to be the final word in this ongoing debate.

■ verbs

- **have a debate** I think we should have a public debate on this issue.
- **provoke/spark/trigger debate** (=cause a debate to start) The episode provoked fierce debate about freedom of speech.
- **stifle debate** (=prevent people from having a debate) How can the party stifle debate on such an important issue?
- **debate rages** (=happens over a period of time and involves strong feelings) A national debate is now raging over the level of youth crime.

■ phrases

- **be the subject of debate** (=be something that people discuss) Teaching methods have long been the subject of debate.
- **be a matter of debate** (=be something that people have discussed) The effectiveness of the government's policy has been a matter of fierce debate.
- **be a matter for debate** (=be something that people should discuss) The future of the police force is a matter for public debate.

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- **discussion** an occasion when you discuss something, or the process of discussing it: After a long discussion, they decided to paint the room pale blue. | This led to a discussion of our favourite books. | There are several projects under discussion (=being discussed).
- **debate** discussion of a particular subject that often continues for a long time, in which people express different opinions. Also used to mean a formal discussion of a subject, after which people vote for or against something: There is a lot of debate about the safety of nuclear power. | The student union is holding a debate on immigration.
- **talks** formal discussions between governments, organizations etc: the Arab-Israeli peace talks | The next round of trade talks will be held in the spring. | Bilateral talks (=between two groups or countries) on refugees took place in November.
- **negotiations** official discussions between two or more groups who are trying to agree on something: The two sides have begun negotiations aimed at ending the dispute. | International negotiations on reducing sulphur dioxide emissions have ended without agreement.
- **conference** a large formal meeting at which people from many places discuss their work or research, or important matters relating to their organization: an international conference on nuclear physics | the Labour Party conference
- **consultation** a formal discussion in which people who are affected by or involved in something can give their opinions: The government promised a full public consultation before a decision was made to build the airport. | The revised syllabus was devised after wide consultations with the teaching profession.

II. **debate** ² **AC BrE** ^{AmE} **verb** [intransitive and transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑debate, ↑debater; verb: ↑debate]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: debate, from batre 'to hit']

1. to discuss a subject formally when you are trying to make a decision or find a solution:

" The issue will be debated on Tuesday.

debate whether/what/how etc

" Meanwhile, philosophers debate whether it's right to clone an individual.

debate (something) with somebody

" an invitation to debate with William on the future of democracy

" His conclusions are hotly debated (=argued about strongly).

2. to consider something carefully before making a decision

debate with yourself

" I debated with myself whether I should tell anyone.

debate who/what/how etc

" I'm still debating what to do.

debate doing something

" For a moment Mary debated telling Rick the truth.

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■ to talk seriously

- **discuss** to talk seriously about problems, ideas, or plans: They met to discuss how the building should be designed. | She refuses to discuss the matter.
- **talk something over** to discuss something with someone because it will affect them, especially someone close to you: Before you accept the job, talk it over with your family. | You two need to sit down and talk things over.
- **debate** to discuss a subject formally when you are trying to make a decision or solve a problem: The issue will be debated on Tuesday. | The UN Security Council debated whether to impose sanctions.

debate

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