ESU TEACHING RESOURCE

LORD OF THE POINTS

OVERVIEW

This game is a quick introduction to points of information. It is an opportunity to see lots of points of information and responses to them, so that students are prepared to offer and receive them in debates.

OBJECTIVES

- To start thinking about points critically, and come up with effective questions.
- To introduce students to the formality and discipline of offering Points of Information in a debate.

RESOURCES

Some topics, e.g.
Cats are better than dogs
It's better to live in the city than the country
It's better to play music than to play sport
Playing video games is better than watching TV
Christmas is the best holiday

TASK

The mentor gives a speech in front of the group. The rest of the group stands, and can offer Points of Information to the speaker. Students should sit down once they have had a point accepted.

Tip: To coax reluctant students to offer points of information it can help if the speaker uses increasingly outlandish and absolute arguments as the speech progresses.