

# Thoughts on Debate

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I thought that all of the debates were very good. It is very difficult to debate in your native language. It is even harder to debate in a foreign language. よくできました!!!

Once again, it is important to remember the strong debate phrases...

I think that ~ because...

It is true that ~ but...

I agree that ~ but...

What you said is not true because...

I disagree that...

Please remember how to ask questions:

You said that [A], but I think that [B], what do you think?

Do you think that...?

You said that... Why?

It is true... isn't it?

The main difficulty:

Many of the pairs had not prepared questions.

Debating is not just speaking.

You should *anticipate* your partner's ideas, and think of some good questions BEFORE the debate.

anticipate = 予測する

Speaking Hints:

You have studied Subject+Verb+Object+Complements (SVOC) for many years, but it is hard to speak SVOC naturally. I find that Japanese students have a hard time *choosing* a subject.

Please practice and please be careful:

Bread has many kinds. パンが種類をたくさん持っています。

(this "has" = 持っています)

==> There are many kinds of bread. パンの種類がたくさんある。

Be careful when you look in a dictionary. Sometimes the words are not the same as Japanese:

In the country, *traffic* is not very much. (X)

In the country, there is not much *public transportation*. (O)

In the city, the *traffic* is very heavy. (O)