**Useful Debating Phrases** (in not quite as small print)

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**opening the debate:**
- [some nice opening, e.g. quote]
- Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to this debate.
- Welcome from this side of the house...
- The motion for debate today is: ...

**defining the motion:**
- Now we as today's proposition/opposition strongly believe that this is true/not true, but before we come to our actual argumentation, let us first define some important terms in this debate.
- We believe that what is meant by ... is ... / that ... are ...
- When we say ... should ... we mean that ...

**presenting the teamline:**
- We as today's proposition/opposition have structured our case as follows:
- I, as the first speaker, will be talking about ...
- Our second speaker, ..., will elaborate on the fact that ...
- And our third speaker, ..., will do the rebuttal.

**rebutting arguments, rebuilding your case:**
- But before I come to my own arguments, let us first have a look at what ... has said.
- I will continue our case in a minute, but before that there are some things about the ... speech that need to be addressed.
- The first prop/opposition speaker has told us ...; on the contrary ...
- He/She also said that ...; but in fact..
- He/She was claiming that ...; but as my first speaker already told you, ...

**introducing arguments:**
- Let me come to my first/second/.../next argument: [concise label of argument]
- My first/... argument is:
- The first/... reason why we're prop/opposing this motion is:
explaining arguments:
● [rather abstract explanation on how the argument should work]

giving examples:
● There are many examples for this/for ..., for instance.
● In fact, you can find many examples for this in real life. Just think of...
● And there are similar cases, such as ..., ...
● So in this simple example we can clearly see the effect of ...

summarizing & linking the argument:
● So as we have seen [argument label], and therefore [motion].
● Now because of this ..., we have to support this motion.

summarizing & ending your speech:
● So Ladies and Gentlemen, what have I told you today? Firstly ..., Secondly..
● [some nice closing words]
● And for all of these reasons, the motion must stand/fall.

making/rejecting/accepting/answering points of information:
● Point of information, Sir/Madam.
● On that point.

Wouldn't you have to agree ...? / Doesn't what you're saying contradict with ...? / What about the ...? / How would you explain, that ...?
● No, thank you, Sir/Madam.
● Declined.
● Yes, please. / Go ahead.
● Thank you very much, Sir/Madam, I'm going to come to this very point in my second argument in a minute.

[this is an emergency break]
giving reply speeches:
● Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome for the last time from today's prop/opposition. It is now my pleasure to summarize this debate, take a look at what both sides have said and see what the outcome of this debate actually is.
● A first/second/... major clash was: ...
Today's prop/opposition told us ...; we had to find ...
● [some particularly nice closing words]
● And for all these reasons, I beg you to prop/oppose