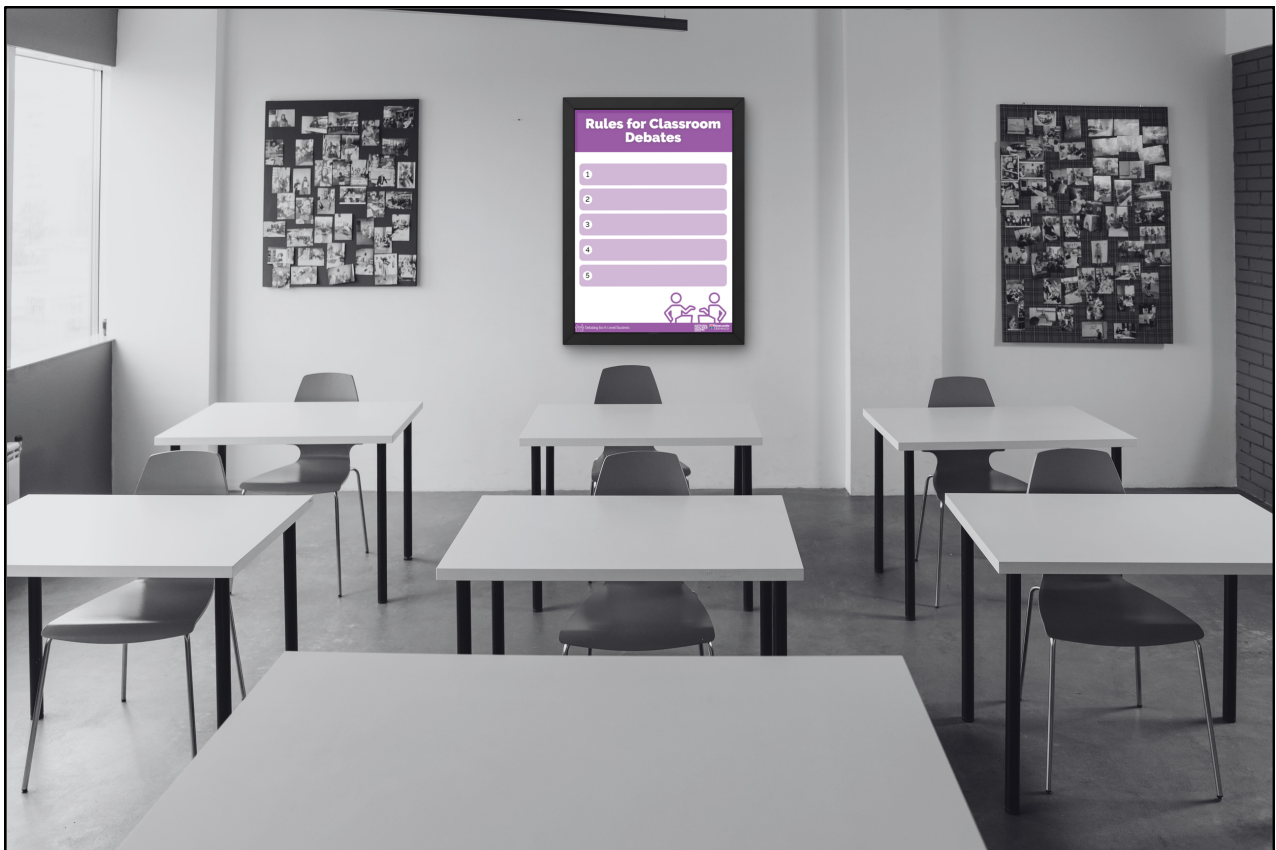


6. Establishing the rules for a classroom debate

1 Decide as a class what rules you will need if you are going to have a debate in the classroom. You may wish to consider the following:

- Whose job will it be to ensure the debate runs smoothly?
- What language and tone should be used by anyone taking part?
- Will there be limits on how long people can speak for?
- What measures can be taken to ensure people's viewpoints are heard?
- How should the people who are speaking and those who are listening behave?

2 Display your rules in a prominent place in the classroom and make sure people stick to these rules during your debate. You can do so using the 'Rules for Classroom Debates' sheet.



Debating rules displayed in a classroom



Rules for Classroom Debates

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