

Parliamentary debate :

What is it ?

It is a kind of debat in a democracy. In which we have to follow some strict rules when we want to talk. This debat at the end has to make a draft laws. It can allow a deputy to defend and express an idea.

What are the rules ?

The decorum : This is the appropriate behaviour that someone who shows respect.

- When a deputy wants to talk he has to stand up and wait until the president gave to him/her the right to talk.
- Only the deputy who has the right to talk can. The others has to sit down and stay quiet.
- The deputy should talk to the presidence by saying : « Mister president... » ; « Madam the president »
- Deputy has to talk with the parliamentary language. That means, they don't have to use rude words, impolite words, they don't have to offense others...

What are the roles ?

The president : he has to maintain order in the room. He gives voice to a deputy who wants to talk.

Opening Government (OG):

- Prime minister (PM) : He has to present a debatable, persuasive case in support of the motion.
- Deputy prime minister (DPM) : closes for the Opening Government. He/she should rebuild, defend the team's case by ansering quastion from the opposition. Refute the LO's case.

Opening opposition (OO) :

- Leader of the opposition : He/she should oppose the motion and the case presented by the PM.
- Deputy Leader of opposition : He/she concludes the first half of the debate for the opposition, and should like DPM rebuild and refute.

Closing Government (CG) :

- Member of Government : opens the second half of the debate and should refute, offer and « extension » and explain how the CG's position fit into the debate.
- Government Whip should : identify the 2-3 most relevant concepts in the debate, sell the « extension », refute, avoid making new arguments.

Closing opposition (CO) :

- Member of opposition should : refuse, make a contribution, explain how the CO's contribution fits into the debate.
- Opposition Whip closes the debate and should : identify the 2-3 most relevant concepts in the debate, sell your contribution, avoid making new arguments.

The sergeant at arms is in charge of the security.

How is it setting ?

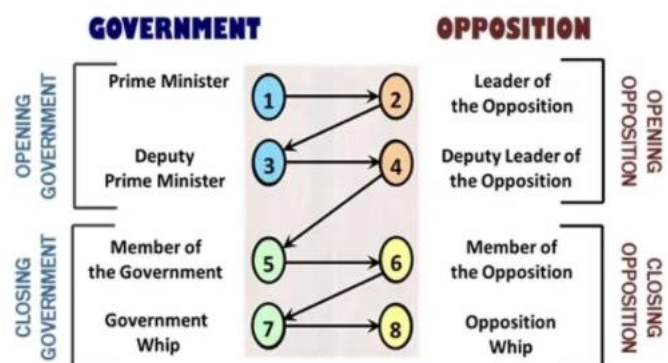
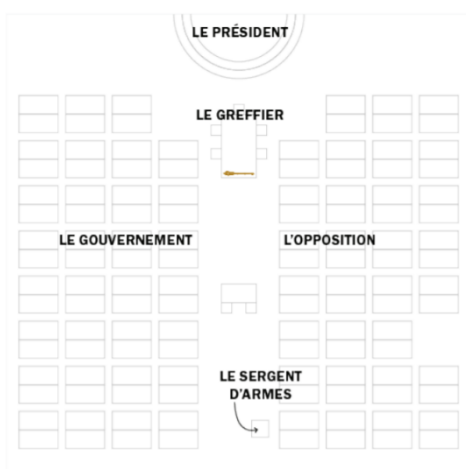
British parliamentary debate :

Each side has 15 minutes to get prepared.

Each rounds consist of four teams of two. The order is Opening Government, Opening opposition, Close Government, Close opposition. Each partner/side gives a seven minute speech, and throughout other teams speeches, debaters are allowed to ask « point of information ».

After the final speaker has given their speech, a panel of judges will deliberate and decide on rankings for each team from 1 to 4.

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Ressources :

<https://cce.bard.edu/files/British-Parliamentary-Debate-Format.pdf>