**How to deliver an effective reply speech?**

**What are the key features of a reply speech?**

These are the last speeches delivered in the debate. The speaking time for a reply speech is half the time of the regular speeches. A reply speech is usually delivered by either the 1st or 2nd speaker of the team.

**What is the aim of a reply speech?**

The aim of a reply speech is to provide each team a chance to consolidate and review the debate in a favourable light. A good reply speech analyses the main themes/points in the debate. There is no point in repeating what your team has said as you should be using the previously laid out points to show why you have won. You need to show why your arguments are more significant than the other team’s case.

**What is one way that we can structure a reply speech?**

Pick certain contentious points/themes to clarify and analyse

* Assess what would happen in *your world*
* Assess what would happen in *their world*
* Tell the judge why the things that happen in *your world*are more significant/meaningful

This idea of ‘our world’ and ‘your world’ is a common technique that is used in reply speeches. This is because it ensures that the speaker is not just talking about their case but rather weighing it against the opposition.

**General Reminders:**

Make sure you have proven the burden of proof that was initially set by your 1st speaker. In addition, you need to ensure that you have strongly summarised your team’s case as you have the last word. It is your duty to make sure the debate is simplified and all possible rebuttal or flaws that were directed at your team have been handled.

A reply speech is a unique opportunity because it allows the speaker to approach the issue in a creative way. The structure that we endorse is a mere recommendation; if you feel that there is another way that suits you better, feel free to use what works for you.