ESL debate topics for intermediate and advanced classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

Cats are better than dogs.

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Summer is better than winter.

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It is better to live in a city than in a village.

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Breakfast is the most important meal.

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Children should not have homework.

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It is better to read the book than to watch the film.

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Everyone should learn to cook.

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A day off is better spent at home than out.

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

Working from home is better than working in an office.

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Children under twelve should not have smartphones.

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Public transport should be free.

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Everyone should learn a second language at school.

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Zoos should be closed.

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Tourists should pay a tax to visit popular cities.

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Exams are the best way to measure learning.

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Social media does more harm than good.

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C1–C2 · Advanced

A four-day working week should become the standard.

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Voting should be compulsory.

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Rich countries have a duty to accept climate migrants.

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Artificial intelligence should not be used to make hiring decisions.

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University education should be free for everyone.

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Advertising aimed at children should be banned.

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Individual freedom matters more than public safety.

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Progress has made people happier.

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Useful language

- I'm in favour of... / I'm against...
- That's true to some extent. However...
- Could you give an example?
- I see your point, but...
- The main reason is... / What's more...
- So what you're saying is...