



THE STORY OF THE HAMBURGER

Burger Debate - Persuasive Speaking Practice

Instructions:

Choose a debate topic below. Work in pairs or small teams. One side argues “Yes,” the other argues “No.” Use persuasive language and give reasons. Be dramatic, be funny, be convincing.

Debate Topics:	Sentence Starters:
- Should pineapple be banned from burgers? - Is ketchup better than mayonnaise? - Should burgers be eaten with a knife and fork? - Is the veggie burger better than the beef burger? - Should burgers be considered a breakfast food? - Is it okay to eat a burger with ice cream? - Should schools serve burgers every Friday? - Is the burger the best food in the world? - Should burgers be square instead of round? - Is it rude to eat the last bite of someone's burger?	I strongly believe that... In my opinion... The main reason is... Some people say..., but I think... If we allow this, then... Let me give you an example...

Speaking & Grammar Practice

- Choose a block that you like & talk to a classmate about it.
- When you have finished, your classmate can choose a different block and talk to you as long as he/she can.
- You can only talk about the same block once.

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1	Describe your dream burger.	Say three burger toppings you love.	Name a burger you've never tried.	Say a sentence with “used to” and burgers.
2	Say a sentence with “should” and burgers.	Say a sentence with “because” and burgers.	Say a sentence with “if” and burgers.	Say a sentence with “going to” and burgers.
3	Use a passive voice sentence about burgers.	Tell a short burger story using sequencing words.	Ask your partner a burger question	Say a conditional sentence about burgers.
4	Say a sentence with “can't” and burgers.	Say a sentence with “never” and burgers.	Say a sentence with “always” and burgers.	Say a sentence with “have to” and burgers.
5	Say a sentence with “already” or “yet.”	Say a sentence with “like” or “hate.”	Say a sentence with “too” or “enough.”	Say a sentence with “was/were + past participle.”

Teacher's Key

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Tip: Encourage students to vote after each debate. Use tally marks or stickers to track the “winning” side.

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