Subject	ESAL 0450-01		
Topic	Engaging debate to develop opinion and improve discussion quality		
Lesson Title	Debate between the positives and negatives of print books versus eBooks		
Level	Intermediate	Duration	50min

### **Lesson Objective:**

Communicate ideas and opinions, and to support their arguments.

- We want to organize thoughts to engage in open debate
- We want to use logical reasoning to support/defend our thoughts
- We want to use logical reasoning to undermine our opponents thoughts, respectfully
- To moderate our disagreements in a respectful, orderly manner

#### Practice open dialogue

- Introduce basic academic vocabulary
- S/V/DO/IO
- Checking for logical statements

## Reinforce usage of negative

- Defining "what is not" a good feature or quality
- "Does not"
- "Can not"

# **Summary of Tasks**

- 1. Open with anecdote about audiobooks of books I was assigned in Hist and Geog class, and how I listened to them while driving or doing other chores to save time. 2min
- 2. Incite a conversation on the merits of listening to audiobooks in English while completing menial tasks. 5min
  - Another medium where students can hear English cadence
  - Can be slowed down or sped up
  - Can be replayed
  - New vocabulary to learn either through dictionary or parsing out context
  - Student's examples
- 3. Preparing for debate 10min
  - Assemble students into groups from last Tues, see notebook for reference of teams
  - Prompt students to assemble ideas and arguments for their respective sides (superiority of ebooks and print books). 3-4 ideas, one for 3 or 4/5 students (depending on group size)
  - Brainstorm 2-3 supporting arguments for each idea (students may wish to write down)
- 4. The Debate 15-20min
  - Students will line up desks in two rows of 5 facing each other
  - 1 student from each team will open the debate summarizing (1-2min) the 3-4 arguments. Coin toss to see who starts
  - After opening statements, a student from 1st team will present an argument with brainstormed supporting arguments 1-2min
  - Opposing team can have a chance to rebuttal, 1-2 min to formulate and rebut one counterargument
  - Debate Format

- Alternate between teams and repeat debate format for each of the student's arguments
- Jack and I will moderate. Jack will decide winning team based off proper pronunciation, logic of argument and clarity (maybe a gavel/shoe to retain order). I will make sure that each students get similar amount of time, and to keep correct order
- 5. After debate, fill remaining time with final class decision/discussion about eBooks and print books

# Materials/ Equipment n/a

## References

Areej Tayyem. (2020, Apr 20). ESL Debate [Video] YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-nbZXVnIHw

Take Home Tasks	
n/a	