



A.

A1

1. The value of taking part in debates

2. To show the usefulness of debating techniques in resolving disagreements in a productive way, steering away from rigid beliefs, and thus proposing an effective model of disagreement for society.

3. Side-switch exercises help us manage a disagreement and not 'get stuck' as they 'force us to consider the other side' of an argument, enabling us to 'disagree better'.

A2

- 4. B
- 5. A
- 6. C
- 7. C
- 8. A
- 9. C

B

B1.

- 10. powerful
- 11. strategic
- 12. involvement
- 13. constantly
- 14. situations



B2.

- 15. run out
- 16. apologised for
- 17. without thanking
- 18. taking care
- 19. prevented from/stopped from

B3.

- 20. D
- 21. A
- 22. B
- 23. C
- 24. F

Γ.

The day I reached for the stars

I remember that day in my first year of high school so well. We had gathered to listen to a former student talk about her career in astronomy.

At first, I barely paid any attention, but then she showed us a picture of a distant galaxy and it was as if my eyes opened to the wonders of the universe. I became totally fascinated and I hung on every word she said. After the talk, I met the speaker. I must have sounded so immature in my enthusiasm, but she was very patient with me.

I started reading books and watching endless videos on YouTube about space. I realised that if I wanted to pursue this as a career, I would have to take my studies more seriously. It was hard at first, but after a while I began to enjoy it.

I hope this year I will be accepted at university to study Astrophysics. There's still a long way to go but I feel lucky that that day I discovered something that brings me such great joy and I hope one day to return to my school and persuade others to reach for the stars.