

**Input****A** Dan,

OK, I'm not completely inflexible. I'll give you that one. I'm glad your mum and Polly get along together. I draw the line at using animals to test drugs though.

Guy

**B** Hi again,

How old are you? Times have changed. Long gone are the days when vegans wore sacks! OK, that's a bit of an exaggeration, but that was a popular belief. I'd go as far as to say it still is in some quarters!

Vegans can be just as fashionable as the rest of you. Take vegan shoes. Haven't you heard of faux leather? It looks good, it's lighter than real leather and you can get it in any colour under the sun.

I rest my case!

Guy

**C** Morning,

Back to the question of eating meat. Guy, I respect your beliefs, but I look at the 'to eat meat or not to eat meat' issue from a completely different angle.

By nature, us human beings are carnivores. We have always been hunter-gatherers and I'm convinced we always will be. In my opinion eating meat and fish is natural. I'm sure that people in some parts of the world just wouldn't survive if they decided to become vegan one day. Or at least a lot would suffer from malnutrition.

And besides, I enjoy eating meat. Sorry Guy ...

Annie

**D** Hello everyone,

In my opinion, animals were not put on Earth to serve us humans. That's why I'm a vegan. I don't eat animals and I don't use their products.

I have a balanced diet based on grains, beans, nuts and seeds. In fact I bet I have a more varied diet than most non-vegans. One of my favourite meals is a bean stir-fry with quinoa, followed by ice-cream. Yes, ice-cream! Non-dairy of course. Us humans don't need to eat animals. It just takes a bit of thought.

Guy



## Can we live without them?

**E** Hi all,

Can I change the subject? I respect your views about animals not being made to serve Guy, but listen to my story then tell me what you think.

My mum's blind. Her best friend's Polly. She's a beautiful, highly intelligent black Labrador guide dog. Guy, she was born to serve. She's happy and so's Mum. What's wrong with that?

Dan

**F** Hi Guy,

What about clothes though? Especially shoes. Vegans aren't exactly associated with high fashion!

Frank



**Task****Group A**

You are going to argue in favour of the motion.

Think of four or five key arguments in favour of the motion. Make sure you have examples and can justify the points you make.

List your arguments in order of importance.

You should all participate in the presentation of your arguments and you will need to be prepared to answer questions about what you say, so be sure you can defend your arguments.

**Group B**

You are going to argue against the motion.

Think of four or five key arguments against the motion. Make sure you have examples and can justify the points you make.

List your arguments in order of importance.

You should all participate in the presentation of your arguments and you will need to be prepared to answer questions about what you say, so be sure you can defend your arguments.

**Chairperson**

Your role is to manage and keep order in the debate. You need to:

- introduce the debate
- invite group A to speak and time their contribution
- invite the judges to ask questions
- invite group B to ask questions
- invite group B to speak and time their contribution
- invite the judges to ask questions
- invite group A to ask questions
- allow the two groups a few minutes to prepare their closing statement
- invite group A to make their closing statement
- invite group B to make their closing statement

Think about what you will say at each stage of the debate.

**Judges**

You will need to listen to each group's opening statement and then ask questions about what they say. You will also decide at the end which group was most convincing and therefore has won the debate.

To prepare your questions, listen in to the other groups' discussion as they are preparing and then plan some possible questions to ask them about their arguments after they have presented them. Remember you may need to adjust your questions as you listen to what they say.

At the end of the debate you will need to say which group has won the debate and justify your decision.

