

Debate Alley

Great for discussion and/or preparing students for a written response

Divide students into two groups and sit them opposite each other with their chairs facing inwards with around 4 chairs at the bottom of the alley.



Pose a statement to the group. Allow the class time to think about whether they agree or disagree with the statement and a reason to justify their opinion. They should then move to the correct side depending on their opinion. Now facilitate a discussion/ debate between the students, allowing each side to rebut an idea. If there are any students that have sat on the 'don't know chairs' be sure to draw them into the debate asking why they have made that decision. After the initial discussion allow students 5 seconds to change sides if they feel they have changed their point of view and ask them to explain their decision.

This activity can be adapted by incorporating the ABC questioning technique.