Useful phrases for debaters

Opening a speech

Today I am going to talk to you about... First of all,...
To begin with,...

Linking points

Secondly,... / In the second place... Moreover,...
Besides,...
Furthermore,...

The most important point, however, is...

Finishing

(But) above all,... Finally,... / Lastly,... In conclusion,...
To sum up,...

What have I told you so far?...

Points of information

On that point, sir/madam. Point of information?
Please, go ahead. / Yes, please. No, (sorry) declined.

No, thank you.
I'll take you in a second/minute.

Statements of a personal viewpoint

I firmly believe...
Personally I think...
As far as I'm concerned I think that In my opinion...

Statements of a general viewpoint

It has often been said that... There are some who claim that... Many are convinced...
The general opinion is that...

Rebuttal

The PROP/OPP has two main arguments, but...

The PROP/OPP failed to acknowledge the fact that...
In spite of all your examples you've failed in convincing us...

The PROP/OPP wants to make us believe that... The PROP/OPP tried in vain to convince us that...