

A DEBATE

1 Which are "for the death penalty" sentences and which are against?

It is the only way justice can be done

It prevents people from committing crimes

Society should punish people, not look for revenge

There's no other way to stop murderers from murdering again

If the state says killing people is wrong, it can't do the same thing itself

A murderer should pay for his crime with his own life

Innocent people have occasionally been executed

Life imprisonment is sufficient punishment.

2 Listen to two people debating the death penalty. Which ideas are mentioned?

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DEBATING

- Take it in turns to speak
- Support your opinions with reasons
- Ask for your partner's opinions
- Listen to your partner. Disagree politely and explain why

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PHRASE BANK

For one thing,...

First of all/To start with, I'd like to point out ...

I say this because...

The reason I say this is that...

I feel this way because...

That is (the main reason) why...

I think/feel/reckon/believe

It seems to me that

The way/As I see it

My view/point of view is that

The point I'm trying to make is

What about you? / What do you think?