



‘All children should have the choice if they go to secondary school.’

In your class today you will be debating the statement above. You are going to be pretending that you are children from different countries and groups voting on this issue at the United Nations.

1. First, discuss in your groups, what the ‘motion’ is suggesting. Then write a list of reasons why people might agree and might disagree with the motion.

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Reasons why people agree	Reasons why people disagree

2. Now you will be given your country and a specific view. You will have to decide what way you want others to vote. How will you persuade others to vote the way you want them to? How will you answer those who challenge you? You will have to prepare a one

minute speech explaining how your particular group feels about this issue. You all have to participate in writing the speech.

As a group you will need to discuss;

- Why is the motion important to our group?
- What difference would it make if the motion was passed?
- What difference would it make if the motion was defeated?
- Are there any questions we want to ask the other groups?

3.After each group has presented their speeches, each country will be asked if they have any questions they want to ask the other groups. Be prepared! You might be asked a question yourself, so you might need to think about how you will answer any questions.

4. At the end of the questions, everyone will be asked to vote to see if they agree with the motion. This will be done in secret. You can choose to vote as you please. So you may choose to disagree with your country