

# The Main Skills

The three most important skills in debating are:

1) *The ability to listen.*

This is because debating is about listening to and responding to your opponents.

2) *Understanding what you hear.*

This is because you need to be able to understand and find mistakes and flaws in your opponents' speeches.

3) *The ability to speak in front of people.*

This is the most obvious skill - if you can't talk in front of people, you can't convince them. But it is also the third most important skill. There are lots of people who are very good at speaking in front of people but who aren't good at debating.

