

Question Time: how do we debate the important topics and issues in our lives?



Mary Somerset Webb
Expert on Money



Robin Shattock
Scientist



David Lammy
Labour MP for
Tottenham

[Intro to Question Time –
Vaccination debate – 10.40 minutes](#)

What is your first impression of Question Time and of the people taking part in the debate?



Rosie Jones
Comedian



Matt Hancock
Conservative MP
Government Minister

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What does each debater bring to the topic?

Talk to your partner about the role and knowledge that each debater might bring to the debate.

For instance – Mary Somerset Webb might talk about how the Covid pandemic has made it difficult for people to manage their money.

Write a sentence for each debater in your booklet.



Matt Hancock
Conservative MP
Government Minister

Question Time: What makes a good debater?



[David Lammy on being English](#)

- Listens carefully to the caller
- Keeps his tone polite and stays calm
- Responds with clear points



[MP Diane Abbott asks a question in Parliament](#)

Speaks clearly

Really knows what her question is about

Asks a question with specific detail



[Should Head Scarfs be banned - 3 minutes](#)

Talks from a personal perspective

Remains calm when interrupted

Responds clearly to each point made

Question Time: When is debate not effective in changing minds?

- Jeremy Corbyn asks
A number of serious questions

- Prime Minister Cameron
Answers the first with
Detail

- On the second question
Other MPs start to laugh

- Corbyn finishes a question
but the Prime Minister answers
with pre made notes on the
topic but does not answer the
question.

- Prime Minister Cameron then
starts to personally insult
and the Conservative MP cheer
his rudeness.



Prime Ministers Questions in Parliament

**Why might people watching be put off by the way
That this debate was conducted?**

- 1,
- 2,
- 3,

Using what you have
seen and what you
Have discussed today
What would you say
are the 4 things that
make a good debater?

1,

2,

3,

4,

The most important
Thing is that

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1, _____

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Plenary

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1, _____

2, _____

3, _____

4, _____

The most important thing is that _____

Question Time: how do we debate the important topics and issues in our lives?

What is your first impression of Question Time? My first impression is that _____

Secondly _____

Finally, _____



Name: _____

Role and knowledge for the debate _____



Name: _____

Role and knowledge for the debate _____



Name: _____

Role and knowledge for the debate _____



Name: _____

Role and knowledge for the debate _____



Name: _____

Role and knowledge for the debate _____

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What does David Lammy do well? _____

How does he make an effective debater? _____



- Speaks clearly
- Really knows what her question is about
- Asks a question with specific detail

What does Diane Abbott do well? _____

How does she make an effective debater? _____



- Talks from a personal perspective
- Remains calm when interrupted
- Responds clearly to each point made

What does she do well? _____

How does he made an effective debater? _____
