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2. 《英语演讲与辩论文库》邀请国内外知名裁判为文库所收集的演讲稿撰写了评判辞。除上述辩手和裁判外，还有程轶群(美国 Hobart and William Smith 大学辩手、2012 年“中国辩论公开赛”冠军和“外研社杯全国英语辩论赛”副总裁判长)、何静(复旦大学英语演讲与辩论队教练和 2012 年“第 16 届全国英语辩论赛”总决赛裁判)、何京锴(2008 年“外研社杯全国英语辩论赛”冠军和“外研社杯全国英语辩论赛”副总裁判长)、李溪(北京外国语大学英语演讲与辩论总教练和“外研社杯全国英语辩论赛”总裁判长)、裴蕾(西安建筑科技大学演讲与辩论队总教练和“第 9 届外研社杯全国英语辩论赛”最佳辩手)、万江波(复旦大学英语演讲与辩论队总教练)、王欣(广东外语外贸大学辩论队总教练和“第 11 届维斯杯国际商事仲裁庭辩论赛”中国赛区冠军)和张琳琳(2011 年“第 15 届外研社杯全国英语辩论赛”冠军队教练和天津外国语大学英语辩论队总教练)，等等，有一定的实践性。

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序 言

Preface



Austin Freeley¹ classifies debate into two broad categories. One is substantive debate and the other is educational debate. According to Freeley, substantive debate refers to the authentic debate in legislatures, courts, hearings, and the like. It aims to make real decisions about an issue in the status quo. The focus of the debate is on the decision itself, that is, whether or not a decision can be made after the debate. Educational debate, however, refers to academic debate aimed to provide an educational opportunity for the participants to develop their oratory and reasoning skills and display their talents in these areas. The focus of this kind of debate is on the quality of the arguments instead of the decision. If the audiences care anything about the decision, it would be the decision on who wins the debate. In this book, I intend to use the term academic British parliamentary debate, because the formats and strategies covered are mostly targeted at debate tournaments following the British parliamentary debate style.

Academic British parliamentary debate is a competition of ideas and requires a good command of language skills, thinking skills and rhetorical or persuasive skills. To debate in English for us Chinese debaters is even more challenging because we are required to debate in a language which is not our native tongue. This book is prepared to answer most frequently asked questions in academic British parliamentary debate tournaments.

There are altogether six modules in this book. In Module 1, I answer frequently asked questions concerning the British parliamentary system and debate tournaments, including the basic ideas of the British Parliament and the fundamental issues of

¹ Freeley, Austin. *Argumentation and Debate*. Cited in McCroskey, J. C. (1962). Still more debate over debate. *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta* [J], 48: 7-9.

debate tournaments regarding different tournament styles, motions, cases, and POIs. In Module 2, I discuss the basic structures and strategies of the Prime Minister's speech, answering questions on the construction of the three most fundamental elements: how to begin a Prime Minister's speech, how to build the substantiation part of a PM's speech, and how to conclude a Prime Minister's speech. In Module 3, I cover two basic issues in the Leader of the Opposition's speech: how to rebut the arguments of the Prime Minister and how to organize the opposition arguments. In Module 4, I describe three different types of strategies including repairing-oriented rebuttal strategies, refutation-oriented rebuttal strategies, and expansion strategies. In Module 5, I focus on extension strategies, namely, how to extend a case in a reasonable way, including how to pick out a missed argument, how to defend a weakened argument, how to expand an existing argument, how to respond to an opposing argument and how to compare the effectiveness of two different models. In addition, I talk about two rebuttal strategies on responding to opposing arguments and questioning consistency. In Module 6, I deal with summary models and strategies on the clash points in the debate round in question.

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Module 1

Academic British Parliamentary Debate



This module has been prepared recognizing that we are new to the field of debate, more so to debating in English. It focuses on some of the most frequently asked questions concerning academic British parliamentary debate on the basis of the FLTRP Cup, the Asian-United Debate Championship (AUDC—the former All-Asians Intersarsity Debate), and the World Universities Debate Championship (WUDC). To begin with, it introduces the British parliamentary system and what authentic British parliamentary debate looks like. The focus then shifts to the basic issues concerning academic British parliamentary debate, including different styles, motions, cases, and POIs. Note that there are slight differences between the academic British parliamentary debate in the WUDC style and the Asian style, but the principles discussed in this module apply to both. At the end of the module, we should be able to answer the following questions:

- What is a parliament?
- What is the British parliamentary system?
- What is the difference, if any, between the authentic British parliamentary debate and the academic British parliamentary debate?
- What is a motion?
- What is a debate case?
- What is a POI?



I. Parliament

A parliament is a legislature consisting of people who have the power to make, amend or repeal laws. Except for legislation, a parliament also has the obligation to scrutinize the Government in hope that it fulfills its duties and responsibilities properly. In Britain, it consists of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The House of Commons is made up of members chosen by the electorate, or people who have the right to vote. The House of Lords comprises members most of whom are appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the Prime Minister or of the House of Lords Appointments Commission.

The Party that wins most seats in the House of Commons in a General Election forms the Government and the leader of the Party usually becomes the Prime Minister. The largest minority Party becomes the Opposition.

The parliamentary system originated in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and spread to countries like Canada, Australia, India, the Republic of Ireland, Jamaica, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Malta. The UK Parliament, which is in the district of Westminster in London, is comprised of the House of Commons and the House of Lords and the Queen. It “examines what the Government is doing, makes new laws, holds the power to set taxes and debates the issues of the day. The House of Commons and the House of Lords each plays an important role in Parliament’s work”¹. “Generally, the decisions made in

¹ The UK Parliament. *About Parliament*. Retrieved on June 29, 2011 from: <http://www.parliament.uk/about/>.