

Debate Basics



This image shows former Governor Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama during a Presidential Debate on October 16, 2012. This image is courtesy of lonelyconservative.com.

Debate Vocabulary



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The more well-spoken you are, the more respect you will receive by people that you have just met. This image is courtesy of pppst.com.

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Proposition

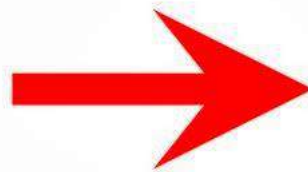
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A **proposition** should clearly state a claim that both sides will debate.

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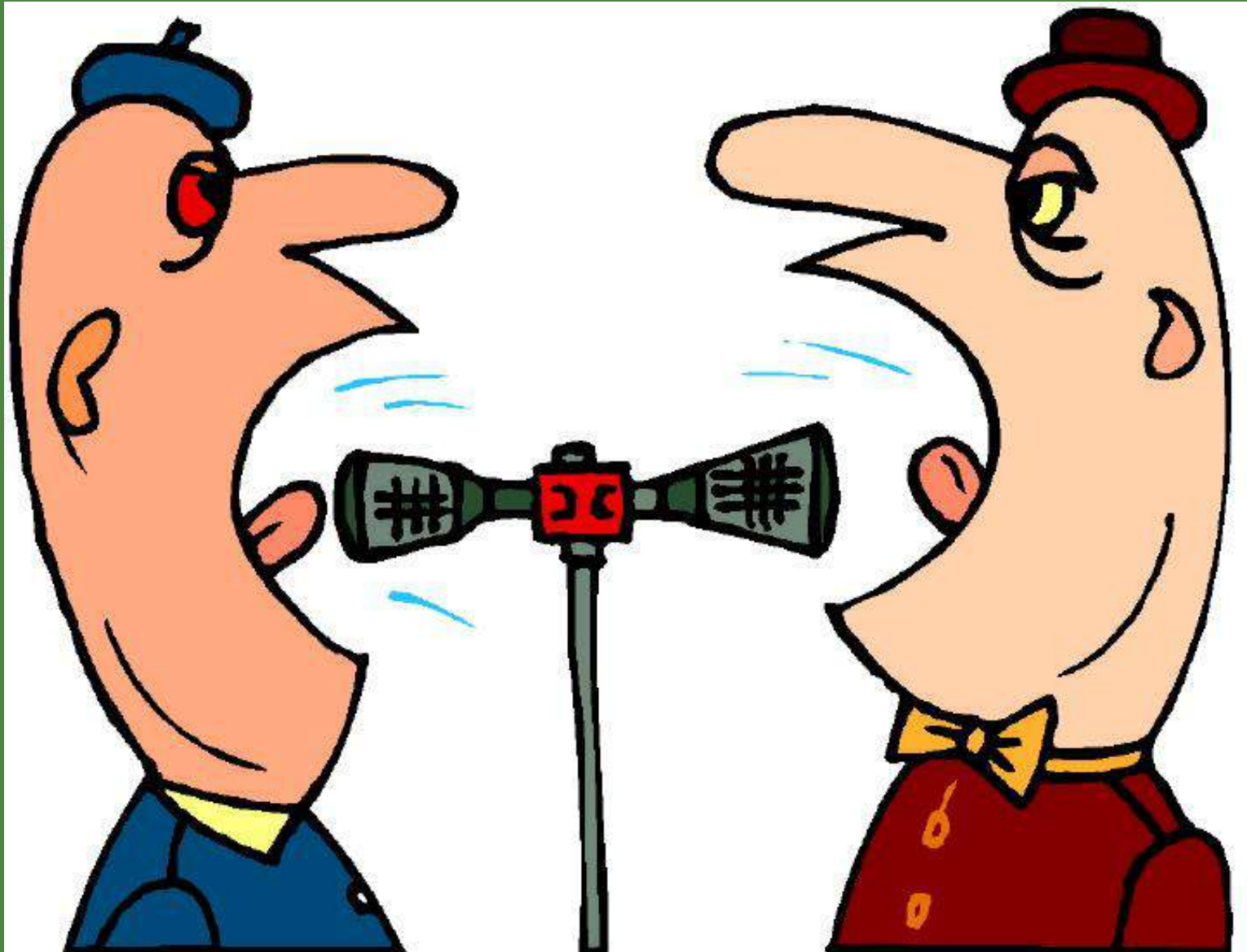
A proposition is an issue that is argued. This image is courtesy of topics4debate.blogspot.com.

An attempt to prove that statements from the opposing side are false.



Rebuttal

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When two people debate, one of them makes a proposition,
and the other follows with a **rebuttal**.



One should not be so emotional in a debate that they do not calmly present facts. This image is courtesy of keepcalm-omatic.co.uk.

In favor of a proposal, a statement, or of an opinion.

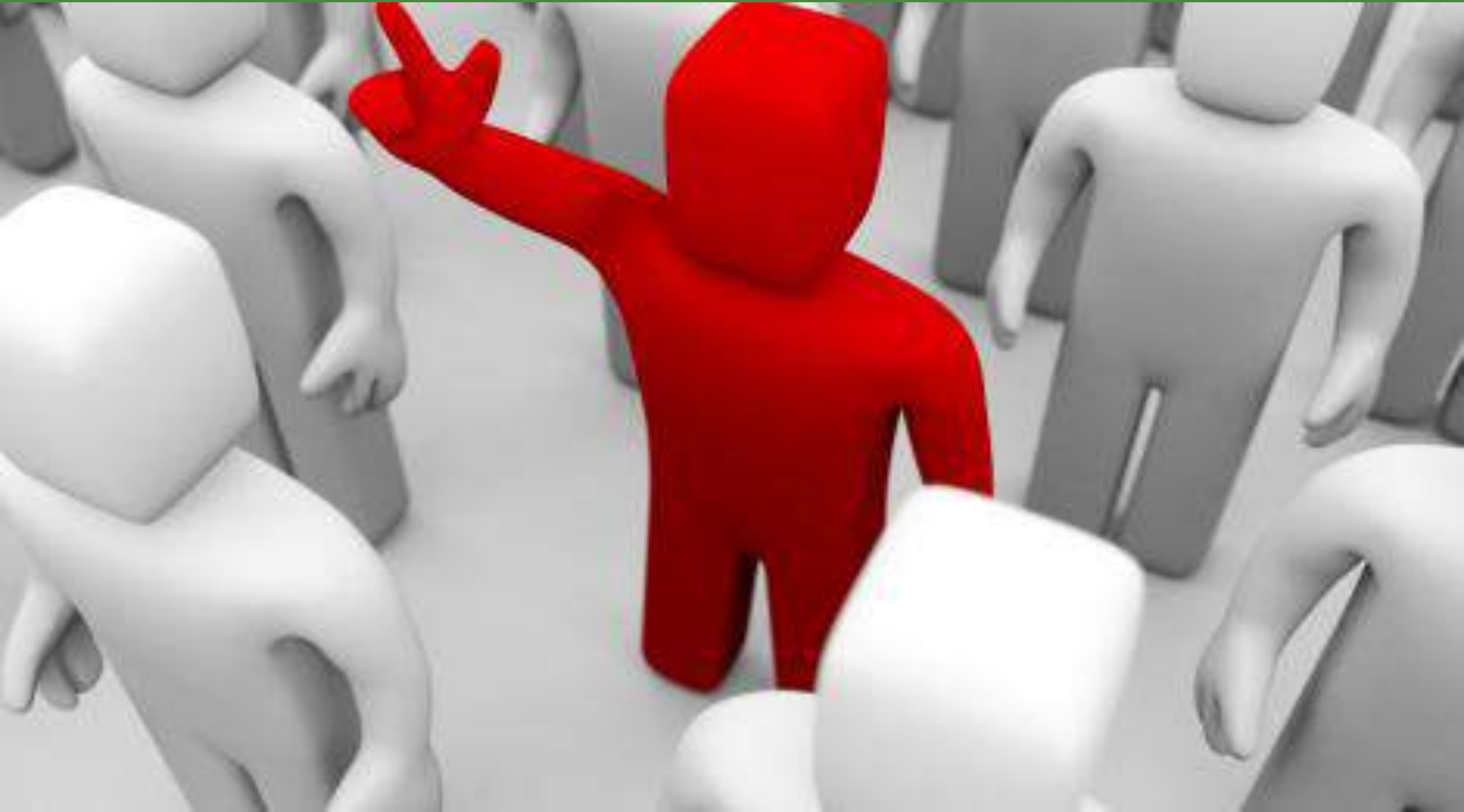


Proposition

In favor of a proposal, a statement, or of an opinion.



In a debate, someone who is on the **proposition** side is one who puts forward or supports a proposition or a proposal.



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In disagreement with a proposal, a statement, or of an opinion.

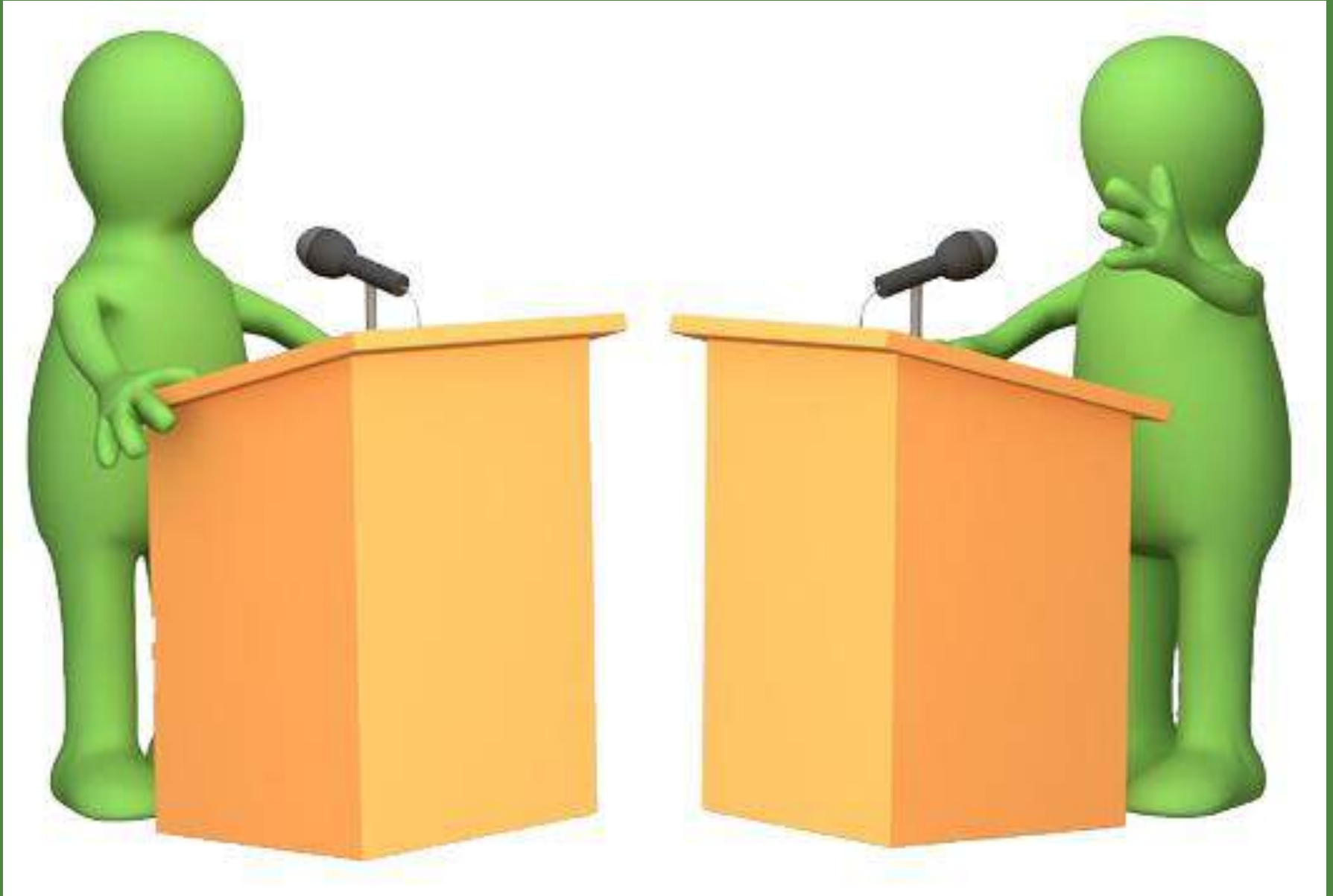


Opposition

In disagreement with a proposal, a statement, or of an opinion.



In a debate, someone who is on the **opposition** side is against one who puts forward a proposition or a proposal.



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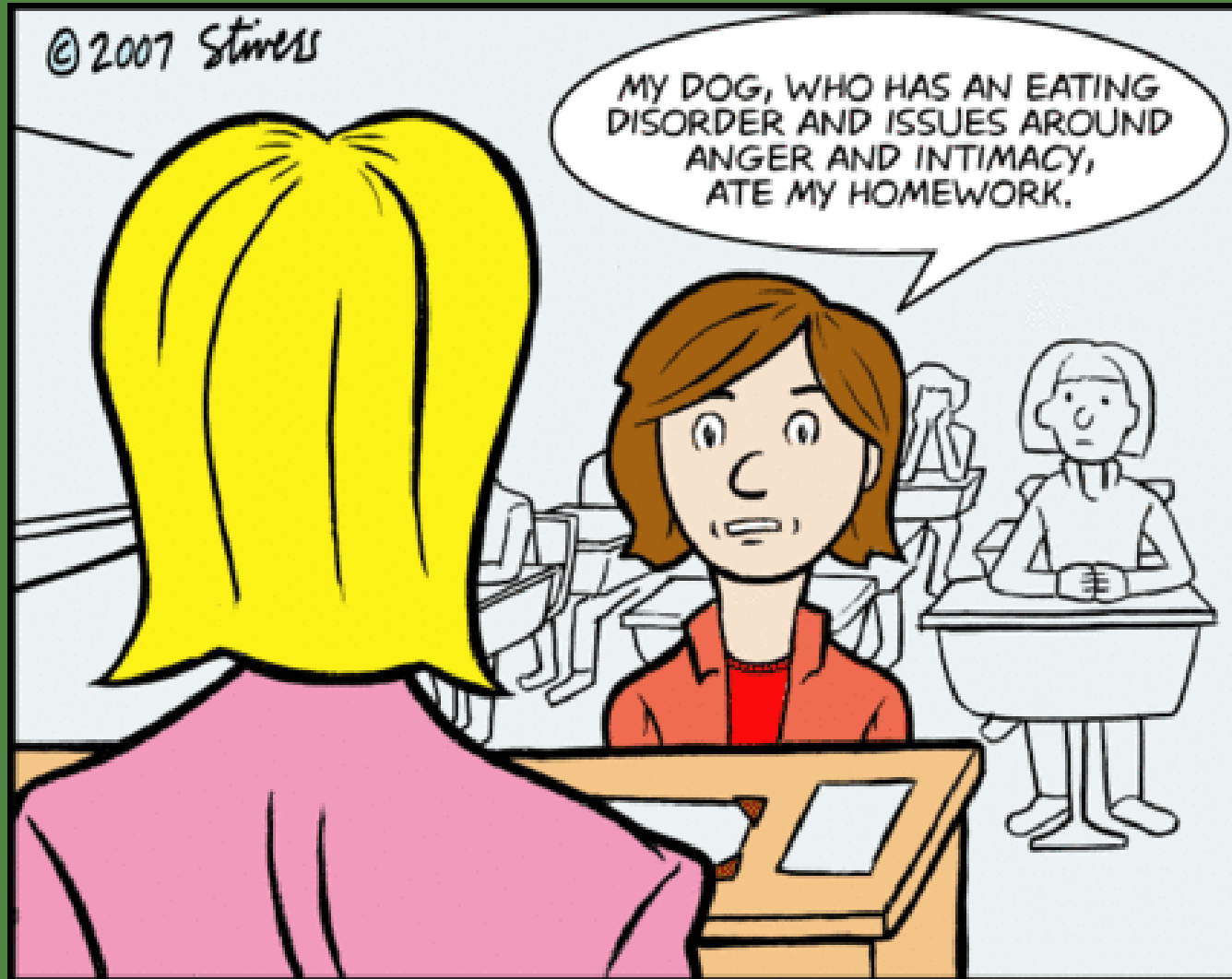
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A **moderator** is someone who leads a discussion in a group, and tells each person when to speak.



Martha Raddatz from the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) was the moderator for the Vice Presidential debate in 2012 between Congressman Paul Ryan, left, and Vice President Joe Biden, right. This image is courtesy of vosizneias.com.

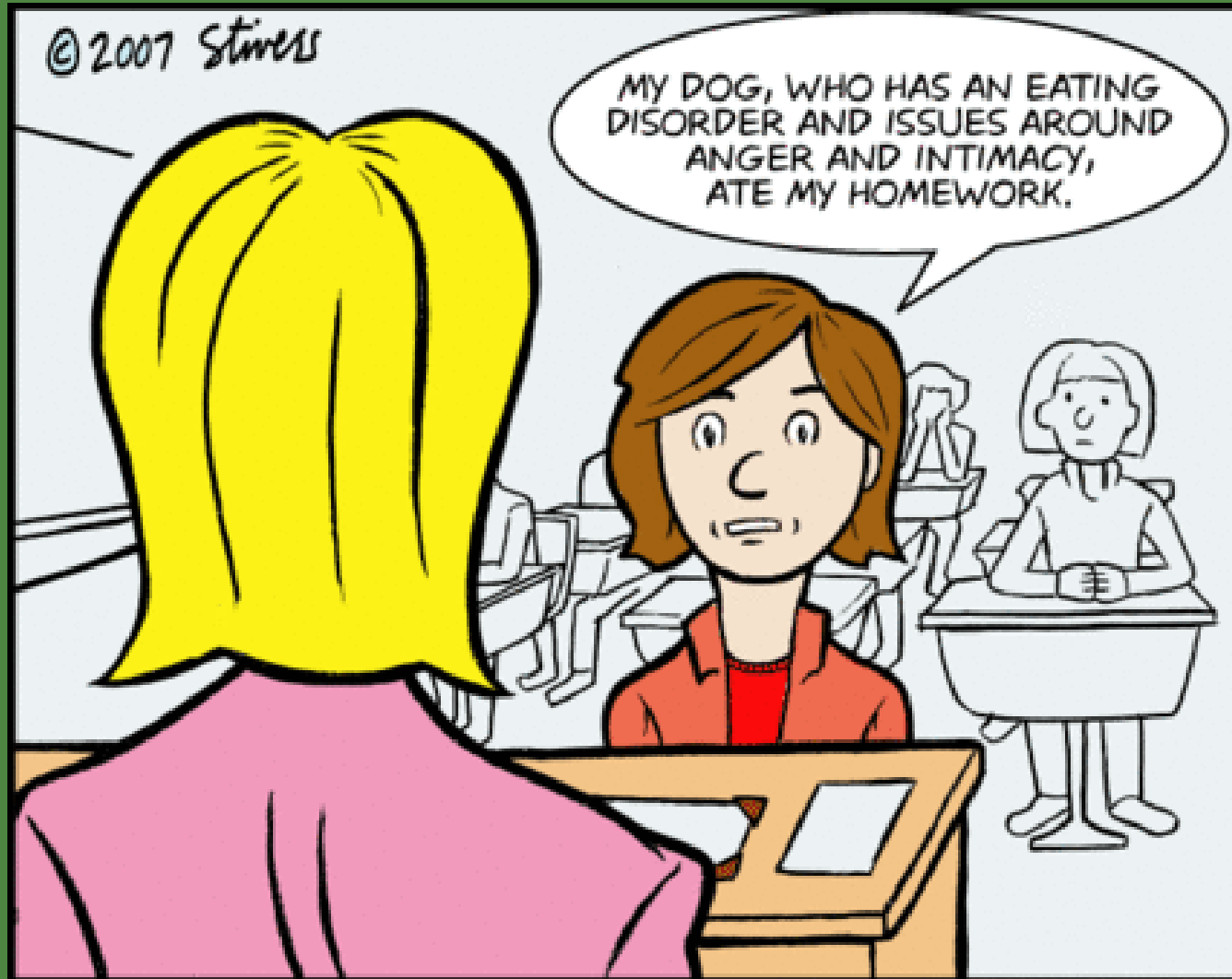
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A good **anecdote** helps to keep your audience's attention and helps to get your point across to the audience and judges.



Don't overuse anecdotes. Too much of a good thing is too much. This image is courtesy of vthewaitingpoet.wordpress.com.