



# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

## Secondary 15



**Be informed.**



**Be curious.**



**Be heard.**

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## Starter: Caption competition



For me it is  
clear: Qatar  
is a mistake.  
The choice  
was bad.



**Class discussion (1-3 mins)**  
Who said this when discussing the  
men's football 2022 World Cup host?





**Sepp Blatter** gave these comments in an **interview** with a Swiss **newspaper**.

Blatter led **FIFA** when the men's World Cup was **awarded** to **Qatar** (and Russia for the 2018 event).

Due to **allegations** of **corruption**, Blatter has been **banned** from taking part in FIFA activities **since 2015**.

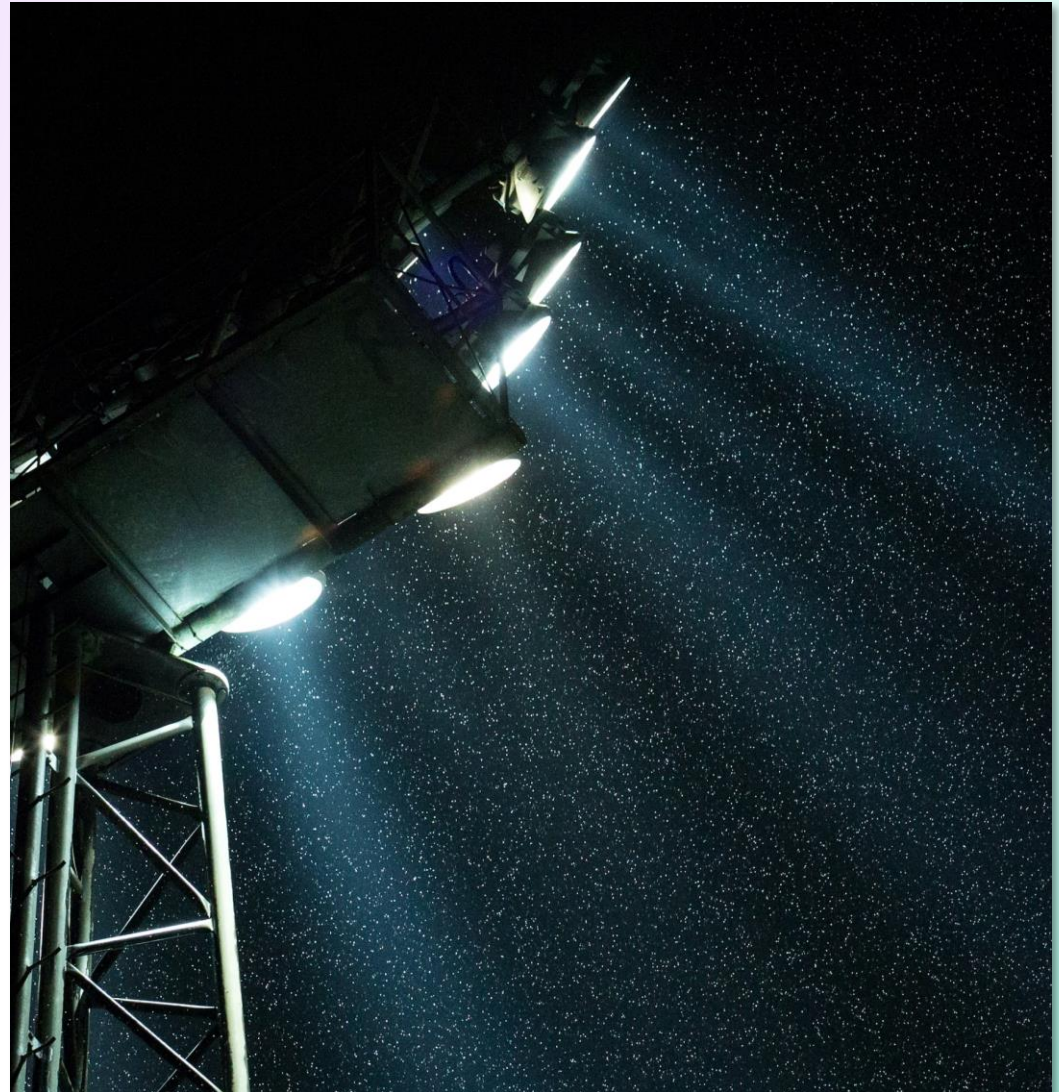




The floodlights are shining on the **start** of the **men's football FIFA World Cup** in **Qatar**.

We are **hearing** daily stories about **concerns**, celebrities' **opinions** and occasionally some of the footballers' **views**.

Among (sand) **storms** of **controversy**, let's discuss some of the issues.





**Class discussion (2-3 mins)**

Have you heard of any **red flags** that have been raised **about having the World Cup in Qatar**? This could be about events **during** and **in the run up** to the event.

**Did you know?**

The winners in Qatar will lift the Jules Rimet trophy.



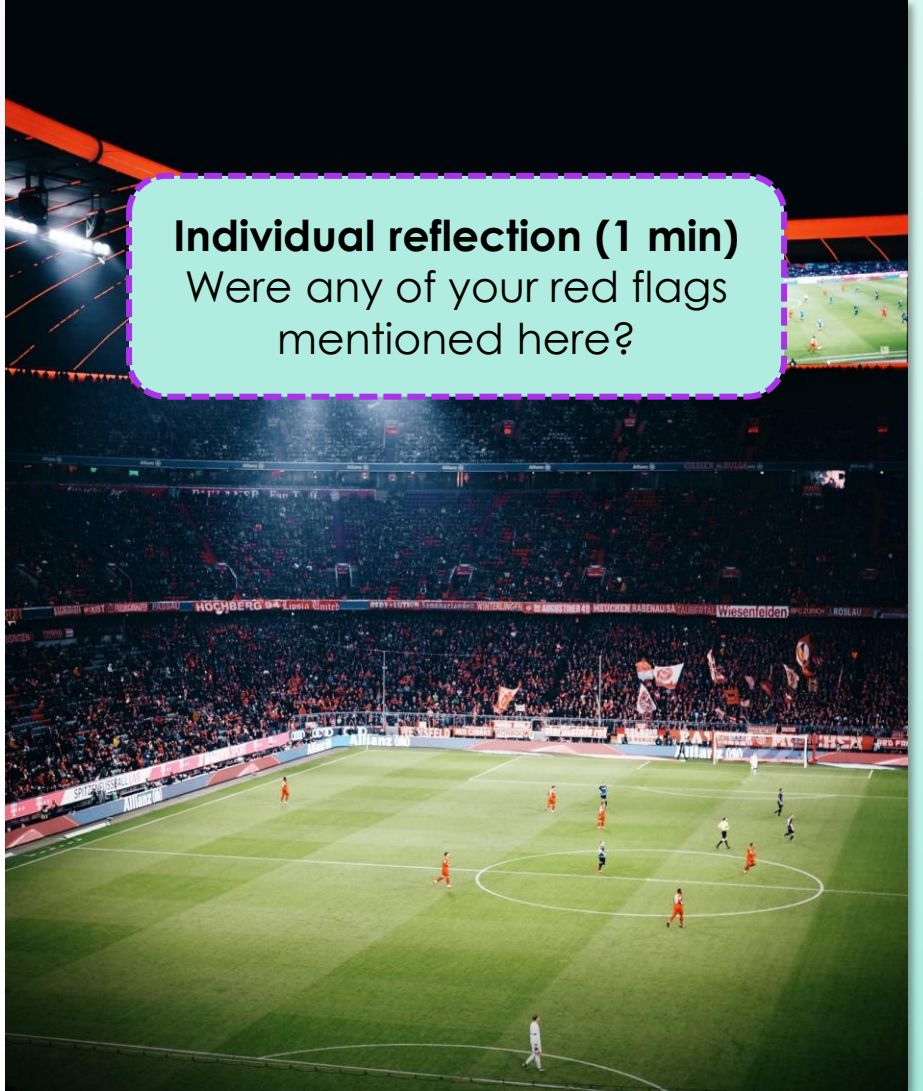
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There have been some **awful statistics** revealed running up to the World Cup. Some have been about **migrant workers**.

**Bayern Munich** fans held a **banner** during a match in Berlin saying “**15,000 dead** for **5,760 minutes** of **football**. Shame on you”.

A journalist said that if **a minute's silence** was held for each **worker** who had **lost their life** preparing this event, **the first 44 matches** would be played in silence.



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In the **12 years** since Qatar was awarded the event, it has been noted that this tournament **may not be for all football fans**.

Qatar has **laws against LGBTQ+ relationships** and some fans feel unable to attend the tournament as a result. Qatar promised the event would be a “**World Cup for all**”.

Recent comments from an official World Cup **ambassador** have continued feelings of **unease**. They described **homosexuality** as “damage in the mind”.



## 4 The beautiful game



There are many **firsts** with **Qatar's** hosting of the World Cup:

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Hosting the **World Cup** in a nation with different traditions and law systems has caused friction.

Many of **Qatar's** rules and traditions come from a **strict version** of Sunni Islam known as **Wahhabism**.

As **with many world religions**, Islam can be **understood differently** by **different communities**.

### Class discussion (2-3 mins)

Will the firsts of this World Cup outweigh the controversies associated with the event?

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**Vote!**



Given that some fans feel they cannot go, it's a sign the wrong place was chosen.

A lot have traditions have been lost with this one. A Winter World Cup? We'll miss it as we're at school.

The awful loss of so many migrant workers building these stadiums for football is shocking.

## Was awarding the World Cup to Qatar a mistake?

Different countries have different rules and traditions. We shouldn't just say some places are incorrect.

It's good that a spotlight is being shone a different region. Positive changes will come from this event.

Football is a worldwide sport, how can certain countries not be allowed to host big events?

**We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with The FA, Amnesty International, Adidas, Qatar Airways and Reporters without Borders.**

Log in to your VotesforSchools account to submit your vote and leave a comment.

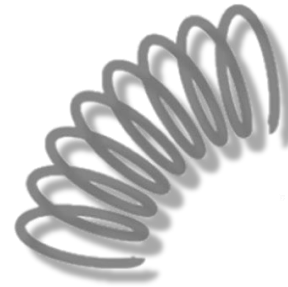




Can I improve my speech writing and public speaking?



Confidence



Resilience



## public speaking

You should structure your speech into these 5 sections:

### Two Minute Speech

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This should be a "real" story, ideally from within your community, which supports your viewpoint.

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This should be a 'call to arms': what do you want your listeners to do, and how should they action this change?

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**Here is an example speech, on the Vote Topic: Should animal testing be banned?**

Ultimately, animal testing is not just a crime against the natural world – it's a crime against morality. Whenever we support this inhumane practice, we sacrifice the values that make us good and empathetic people.

Firstly, let's remember the following: animals have absolutely no ability to consent to testing. As such, we are subjecting them to evil and cruel treatment and they have no way of communicating the pain or betrayal they feel. Tell me: how is this different to testing cosmetics, and medicines, on a baby?

Secondly, I recognise that many people think we have no alternatives to animal testing that are any more ethical. Quite frankly, I think this is ridiculous. By continuing to place unknown chemicals inside an animal's body, we are teaching young people to place no value on their lives as living creatures. Where does this stop? As we all grow up to play a responsible role within the communities we live in, we need to recognise the importance of every single life.

For instance, Hannah. At 17 she made the decision to only buy products that have not been tested on animals. After leaving Maltby and going on to study at university, she said this one decision transformed the way in which she supported other students on her campus – realising that we don't all have a voice to stand up for ourselves.

So, I implore you: stand up and make a difference! Show these companies that we will not tolerate their barbaric treatment of the animals that live amongst us. Write at least one letter, to either a company or the government, and let's show them that people of this community – a community built on morals, understanding and trust – that we value the lives of all living things.

Thank you.

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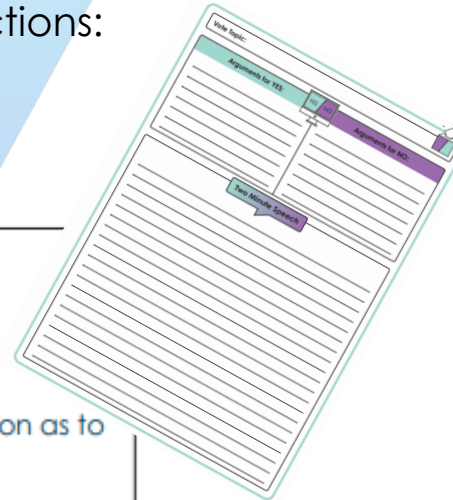
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## public speaking

Choose one area of your public speaking to work on this week:

### Top Tips – Delivery

**Voice** - Work on your vocal variety, pace of speaking and use of pauses.

**Body language** - Check your eye contact, your use of gestures and how you are standing.

**Clarity** - Are you clear about the purpose of your speech? Does the speech inspire, amuse or inform?

**Be yourself** - Retain your voice, your passion, your sense of humour and your convictions throughout. Be yourself and be real.

**Tone** - Consider the way you speak to your audience and how you want to get your message across. Your tone can affect how people perceive you and their willingness to listen.

**Projection** - Make sure your voice is loud, clear and confident. Don't underestimate the power that projecting your voice has on commanding your audience's attention.

**Gestures** - Be animated during your speech. Gestures can add a layer of meaning and expression to your ideas, and really emphasise your overall thoughts and feelings.

**Pace** - The speed at which you speak must be varied. By speaking quickly, you can indicate urgency or danger. By speaking slowly, you can indicate tension, finality or fear.

**Eye contact** - Eye contact with your audience is of great importance. Your audience should feel like you are speaking directly to them. Your words become more personal and meaningful.

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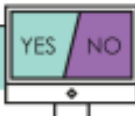


- I articulate myself confidently.
- I actively take on any of the 6 Oracy roles during discussions, debates and when sharing ideas.
- I express my opinions and ideas, without needing the sentence stems provided.
- I work effectively in a variety of different Oracy groupings.
- I always listen carefully to my peers and build on their ideas.
- I apply accurate, subject-specific vocabulary in my contributions.



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Now, everyone should cast their vote for one side of this week's argument or the other.

Arguments for YES:		Arguments for NO:

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