

## USING POINT-COUNTERPOINT IN SUPPORT

1. The Topic Sentence starts off with the opposition's point, then leads into your Counter of this point; linger on the opposition's point only long enough to support it or else you'll sound like you're favoring it!
2. **OPPOSITION'S POINT** = The opposing viewpoint; what your audience might be thinking.
3. **COUNTER POINT** = Your response to the opposing viewpoint, proving that your side is still better despite that.
4. Use the **PROMPT LANGUAGE** to maintain the **focus** of your point as you explain it; tie back frequently to the prompt using fresh references to the topic.

### Should water bottles be banned in your society?

*Example of the Negative Team (who supports bottled water) using Point-Counterpoint to shut down the Affirmative Team (who wants to ban bottled water).*

