

ACTIVITY 6.2: Leaders' Debate "Bingo"

As you watch the debate, mark off the squares when you see a leader using one of these techniques or committing a debate mistake or fallacy. Write down the leader's name or initials in the box. Try to get five in a row—or fill the whole card!

Appeals to emotions	Speaks confidently and clearly	Personal attack	Uses a fact or statistic	Corrects or fact-checks another leader's statement
Avoids answering a direct question	Tells the story of a young person	Interrupts another leader	Refers to "ordinary Canadians" or "hard-working families"	Brings up a scandal or controversy from another party's past
Makes a 'zinger' (funny or clever remark)	Blames the previous government	Acknowledges a voter or group directly ("I met a farmer in...")	Shows good body language (eye contact, posture)	Uses a personal story to make a point
Talks over the moderator	Uses the phrase "building a better future"	Appeals to authority	Criticizes another party's platform instead of defending their own	Calls for national unity or working together
Admits a past mistake or change of position	Slippery slope argument (exaggerated claim)	Strong closing statement	Uses a strawman argument (misrepresents someone else's argument)	Thanks or compliments another leader