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| Prime Minister                | • Defines and interprets the motion  
• Describes the approach the First Government team will take  
• Constructs the case for that interpretation of the motion                                                                                  |
| Leader of Opposition          | • Establishes a stance that both Opposition teams will defend throughout the debate.  
• Refutes the case of offered by the Prime Minister.  
• Constructs one or more arguments against the motion as the Prime Minister interpreted it.                                             |
| Deputy Prime Minister         | • Refutes the arguments presented by the Leader of Opposition.  
• Rebuilds the case presented by the Prime Minister.  
• Constructs one or more new arguments supporting the case of the Prime Minister.                                                        |
| Deputy Leader of Opposition   | • Continues refutation of case presented by the Prime Minister.  
• Refutes any new arguments presented by the Deputy Prime Minister.  
• Rebuilds arguments of the Leader of Opposition  
• Constructs one or more new arguments supporting those presented by the Leader of the Opposition.                                      |
| **Lower House (Second Half of the Debate)**                                                                                     |
| Member of Government          | • Supports the general direction and case of the First Government team.  
• Briefly continues refutation of First Opposition team’s arguments  
• Refutes new arguments introduced by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.  
• Constructs at least one new argument that is different from but consistent with the case of the 1st Government (sometimes called an extension). |
| Member of Opposition          | • Supports the general direction taken by the First Opposition team.  
• Briefly continues refutation of the case of the First Government team.  
• Refutes arguments introduced by the Member of Government.  
• Constructs at least one new argument (extension) that is different from but consistent with the case of the 1st Opposition.        |
| Government Whip              | • Refutes the extension offered by the Member of Opposition. Sometimes this refutation can be folded into the overall summary of the debate.  
• Summarizes the entire debate from the point of view of the Government, defending the general viewpoint of both Government teams, with a special eye toward the case of the Second Government team. This overall summary may include a defense of the Member of Government’s extension.  
• Usually does not provide new arguments.                                                                                           |
| Opposition Whip              | • Refutes the extension offered by the Member of Government. Sometimes this refutation can be folded into the overall summary of the debate.  
• Summarizes the entire debate from the point of view of the opposition, defending the general viewpoint of both Opposition teams with a special eye toward the case of the Second opposition. This overall summary may include a defense of the Member of Opposition’s extension.  
• Does not provide new arguments.                                                                                                     |