

## Rebuttal Worksheet Two

Match the proposition arguments to the opposition rebuttal. The motion is "This House Would Ban Gambling"

### PROPOSITION

1. Gambling is addictive and people don't realise that when they start. We have to save them from themselves
2. Casinos and betting shops particularly target people from low income backgrounds
3. Gambling makes people's financial situations worse, not better, as they lose more money but continue to gamble
4. We shouldn't let people recklessly throw their money away

### OPPOSITION

- A) Plenty of people can place the odd bet now and then without suddenly ending up bankrupt
- B) Lots of things are addictive; cigarettes, alcohol, exercise. We don't ban them.
- C) People should be able to spend their money on whatever they like. It isn't up to the state to decide what things are 'good' or 'bad' for individuals.
- D) Gambling gives people in dire circumstances hope, we shouldn't take that hope away from them

Can you think of another argument for Proposition and the rebuttal for it? Write them both here:

Which side is each argument for? Can you think of rebuttal for it?

- The government restricts our choice and freedom in plenty of cases, e.g. making us wear seatbelts in a car
- Individuals should be free to choose how to live their lives, even if those choices may have harmful consequences
- Gambling allows people escapism for a few hours
- Gambling suggests to young people that you don't need to work hard
- Gambling encourages people to equate money with happiness
- If you ban it, it will go underground and be harder to regulate
- Keeping it legal means that it is easier to help those who do get into bad situations