

## Flowing - Example Flow and Activity

Note-taking in debate rounds is known as “flowing”. It is important to flow during rounds in order to keep track of what has been said by both teams. Typically, debaters write down definitions, framework/observations (if used), contentions, and evidence. This activity will include an example flow outline, a video demonstrating flowing, and an activity to practice flowing.

Pro Case	Con Rebuttal	Pro Rebuttal	Con SS	Pro SS	Con FF	Pro FF

This is an example of what the outline for a flow might look like (with the Con team speaking first). Debaters typically use two pieces of paper in each round, with each team’s case having its own paper. This example would be the flow on the Pro team’s case. Notice how the case is flowed on the very left side, and each speech has its own column, moving from left to right.

Below is a link to a video demonstrating how flowing works. The speech being flowed is the first speech (the Con case) from this round: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUnyLbeu7qU>, starting at 4:05. While you watch the video, pay attention to what kinds of things are being written down and how abbreviations and symbols are used to make it easier to flow.

<https://youtu.be/SVzhteldEcs>

The flowing activity will be to flow another speech (the Pro case) from the same round, starting at 11:25. Flow at your own pace and feel free to pause the video if you need a moment to catch up with the speech. Do not read the text at the bottom of the page until you have finished flowing.

Once you are done flowing the case, check that you have the following general elements in your flow:

1. Framework (to evaluate the round based on the implications of remaining in NAFTA and the existing impact of NAFTA)
2. Two contentions (1. The impact of continuing involvement and 2. The impact NAFTA has already had)
3. Three arguments/reasons within the second contention (1. Keeping exports stable, 2. Boosting investor confidence, and 3. Incentivizing U.S. bailout)

On the next page, a picture of a flow for this speech is provided so that you can compare your flow. However, keep in mind that your flow will likely not look the same because each debater has their own flowing style, so it is 100% okay if your flow is different as long as that system works for you!

## PRO CASE

FW:

1. implic of continuing
2. existing impact

① continuing

(Global Americans 17) - US pulling out leads vacuum of econ power - china will fill

(Wash Po 17) - chinese leadership hurts rights in region

② already done

1994 Mexican recession

NAFTA helped limit impact

1. exports stable

(Lustre 17) - (Heath 17)

exports quadrupled b/c of NAFTA

(Berliner 01) - w/o

NAFTA, exports ↓ 52% max

2. boosting inv confid

- Berliner 01 - ↑ prospects

- Lutz 97 - ↑ FDI

by 44%/-

- Talos 12 - long-term resilience

3. US bailout

- IJWP 99 - econ linkages helped Mex out of crisis

- Humphrey 00 - devaluation req US bailout

- Ormay 98 - prev escal

- Purge 7 - better than countries w/o NAFTA

- Vasquez 2 (prev global)