Big Questions: Debate, Ideas and Points of View

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Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Advanced French learning song about philosophy. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	**Quel est votre point de vue sur cette question ?**	What is your point of view on this question?	a question mark made of two speech bubbles
2	**Ils ont débattu pendant des heures.**	They debated for hours.	a clock face with two chairs facing each other
3	**Ce philosophe remet en question nos certitudes.**	This philosopher questions our certainties.	a stone statue with a small question mark on its head
4	**Une idée complexe demande un bon argument.**	A complex idea needs a good argument.	a tangled ball of string slowly unwinding

NEW WORDS (18)

un argument
an argument

une idée
an idea

certitudes
certainties

raison
reason or being right

écouter
to listen

compliqué
complicated

un point de vue
a point of view

complexe
complex

ont
have

difficile
difficult

autres
others

écoute
listen

débattre
to debate

remettre en question
to question

philosophe
philosopher

doit
must

sujet
subject

répéter
to repeat

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

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[REVIEW]

Ils sortent ensemble depuis six mois.

They have been going out together for six months.

Pour qui allez-vous voter ?

Who are you going to vote for?

Il faut déclarer ses impôts avant avril.

You must declare your taxes before April.

Je suis content de partager mes idées.

I am happy to share my ideas.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 1]

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Vous avez raison, Madame, c'est une question difficile.

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Je pense que l'on doit écouter les autres.

I think that we must listen to others.

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[VERSE 2]

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Dès que vous parlez, je vous écoute, Monsieur.

As soon as you speak, I listen to you, Sir.

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As soon as you speak, I listen to you, Sir.

écoute

listen

Pourriez-vous répéter votre argument, s'il vous plaît ?

Could you repeat your argument, please?

répéter

to repeat

Avec plaisir, je vous en prie.

With pleasure, you are welcome.

Avec plaisir, je vous en prie.

With pleasure, you are welcome.

[RECAP]

Quel est votre point de vue sur cette question ?

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Ce philosophe remet en question nos certitudes.

Une idée complexe demande un bon argument.

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

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