

Opinion Cards: Winter

Introduction

This thought-provoking winter-themed discussion activity allows students to practice agreeing and disagreeing with others, and stating their opinion.

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate, and cut out the opinion cards. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, *for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.*

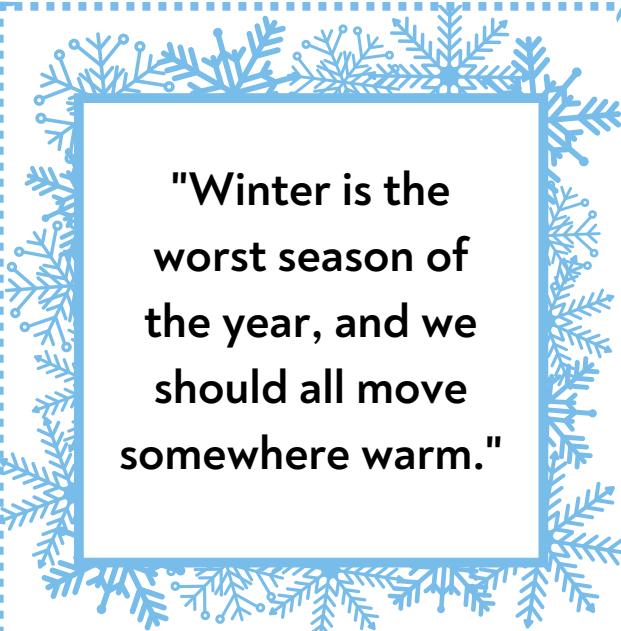
In the Lesson

You can either play this as a class discussion, or split students into groups.

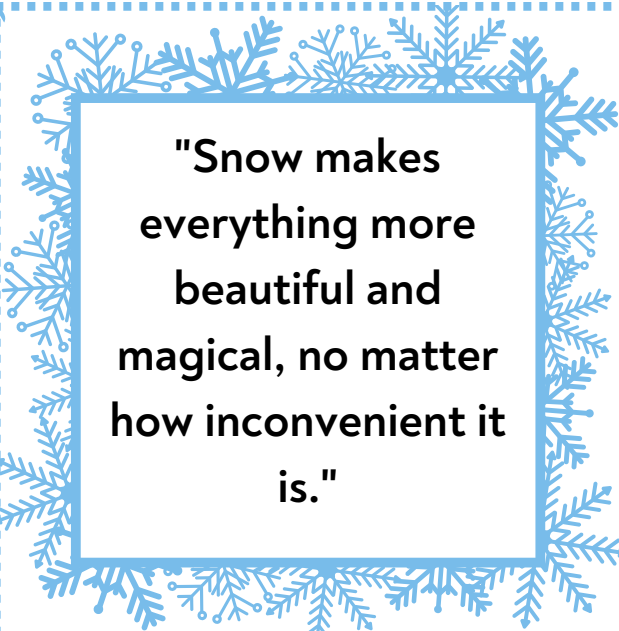
To play as a class discussion, evenly distribute the cards amongst yourself and your students. Then, take turns reading and discussing (agreeing/disagreeing) the statements. Use this as an opportunity to get everyone's opinion and have them explain why they agree or disagree.

To play as a group activity, distribute a set of cards to each group. Have them put the cards in a stack in the middle. They then take turns drawing a card, reading the statement, and saying if they agree or disagree and why. The other students then say if they also agree or disagree with the statement and why. At the end of the class you can poll the students on each statement, seeing how many agreed or disagreed per point of view.

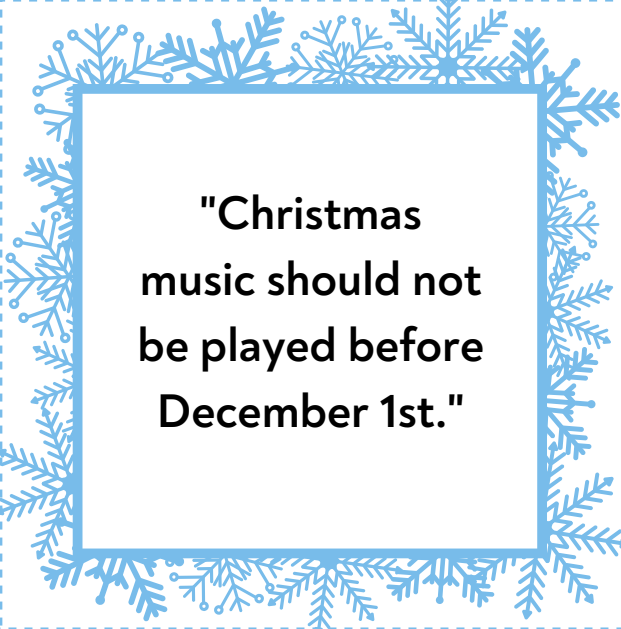
Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Discussion practice	To practice agreeing and disagreeing	B1/B2	35-45 minutes




"Winter is the worst season of the year, and we should all move somewhere warm."




"Snow makes everything more beautiful and magical, no matter how inconvenient it is."



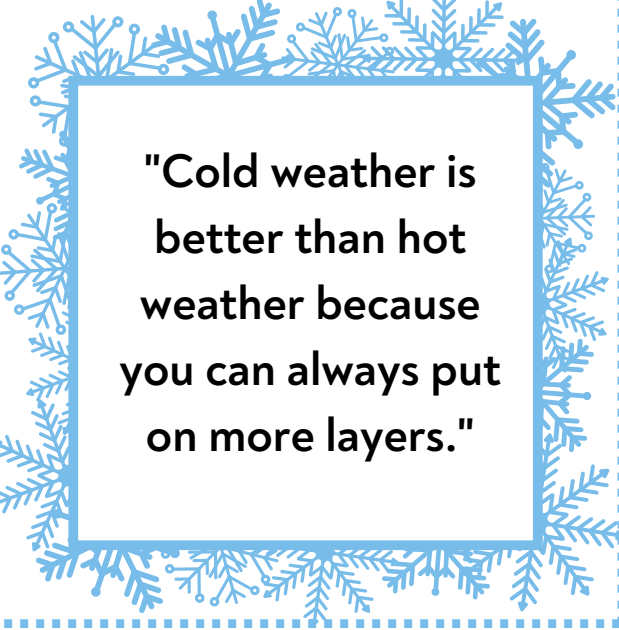
"Christmas music should not be played before December 1st."



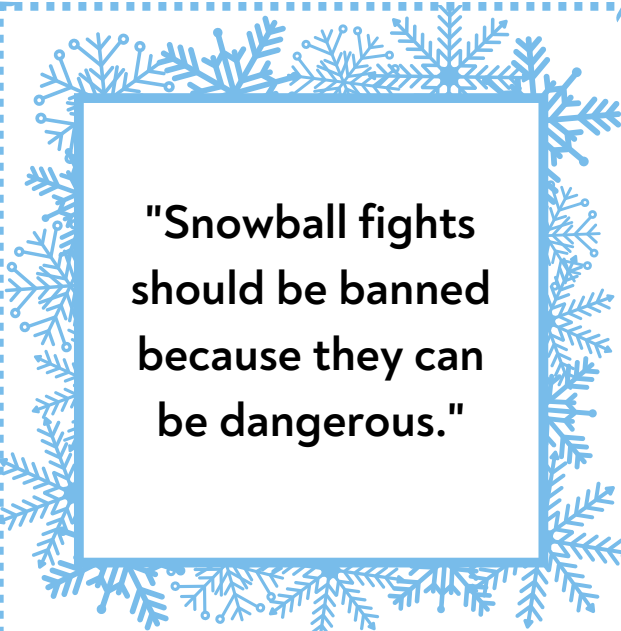
"New Year's resolutions are pointless because most people don't keep them."



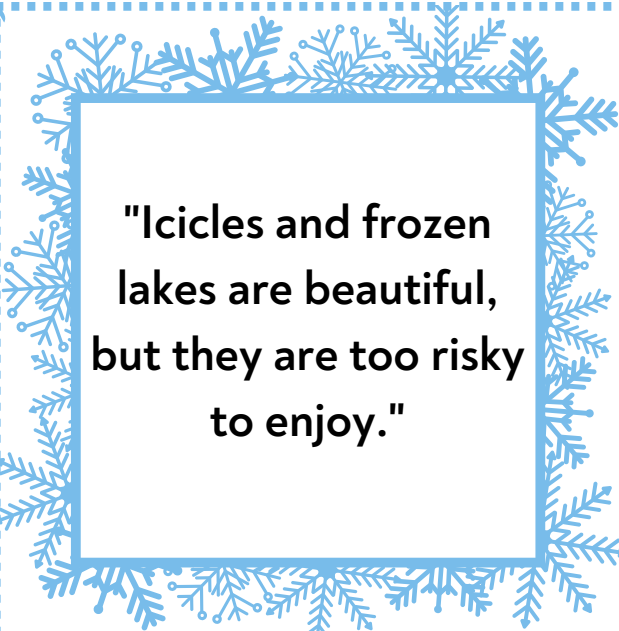
"Winter holidays should be longer so people can truly relax."




"Cold weather is better than hot weather because you can always put on more layers."



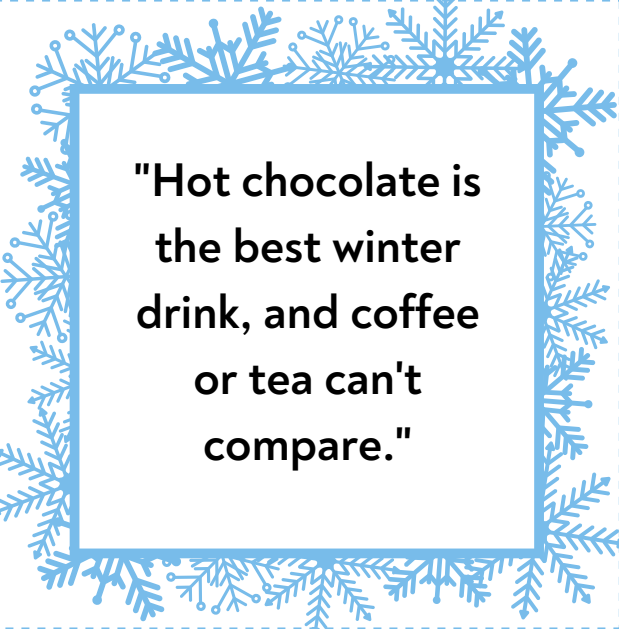
**"Snowball fights
should be banned
because they can
be dangerous."**



**"Icicles and frozen
lakes are beautiful,
but they are too risky
to enjoy."**



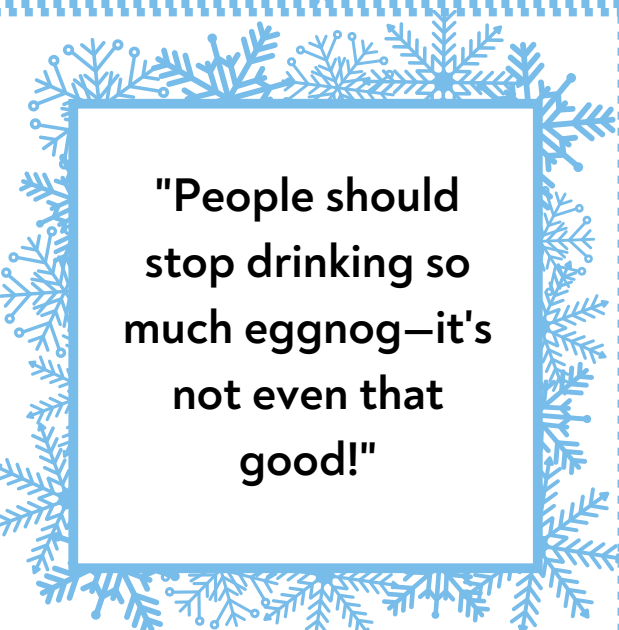
**"Driving should
be illegal on
extremely snowy
or icy days."**



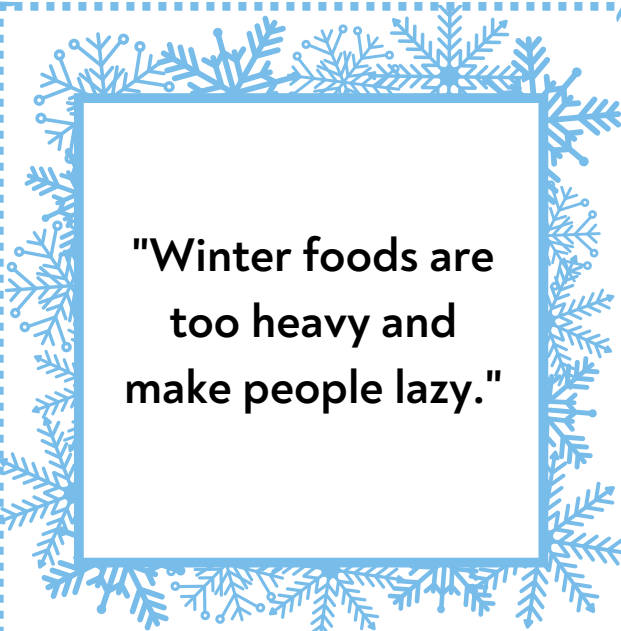
**"Hot chocolate is
the best winter
drink, and coffee
or tea can't
compare."**



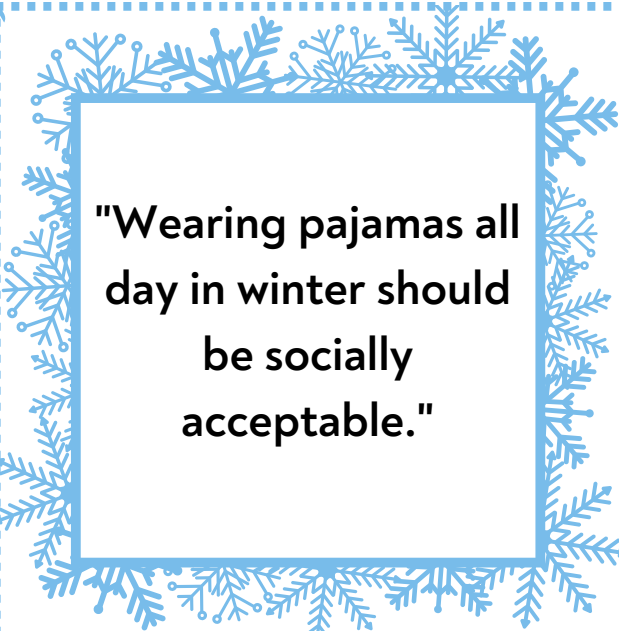
**"Winter is the best
season for
comfort food, but
it makes people
gain too much
weight."**



**"People should
stop drinking so
much eggnog—it's
not even that
good!"**




"Winter foods are too heavy and make people lazy."




"Wearing pajamas all day in winter should be socially acceptable."




"Winter fashion is better than summer fashion because layering is stylish."



"Scarves, gloves, and hats are annoying and unnecessary."



"Heated blankets should be a standard household item for everyone."



"People should not wear shorts in winter, no matter how 'tough' they think they are."