

POKÉMON

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Welcome Letter

Dear King'sMUN 2025 delegates,

As this year's Co-Secretary Generals of King'sMUN, we are truly honoured to welcome you to our 11th annual conference. The Secretariat has been working hard throughout this school year to deliver you an incredible, in-person conference with various unique committees, experienced chairs, and a successful day of debate.

Model United Nations, a reenactment of the function of the United Nations, is designed for students to come together to debate, discuss, and develop creative resolutions to various pressing issues that plague our current world. In most committees, students take on the positions of multiple countries, characters, or political figures to create solutions for real and fictional issues and crises. We provide distinctive committees that delve into historical events, future scenarios, and fictional topics.

In our personal experience with MUN, we have developed many valuable skills that we will take with us throughout our lives, such as confidence in public speaking, leadership, and creative problem-solving. Furthermore, MUN promotes lifelong connections, as we meet delegates who share similar passions in committee sessions. We genuinely believe that your participation in MUN will guide you throughout your high school journey and beyond.

At King'sMUN, we provide a variety of committees to ensure that we have something of interest for everyone. From very current pressing issues (i.e. UNSC and the ICJ) and issues in sports (i.e. English Premier League and International Olympic Committee) to fictional committees, yet applicable issues (i.e. Pokémon) and issues set in our very own communities (i.e. Government of Ontario). We strive to ensure that there is appeal for a variety of delegates. Whether you have no experience or have attended many conferences, there is a place at King'sMUN for you!

Once again, we are thrilled to welcome all delegates, new or returning, back to King'sMUN. We hope you will engage in fruitful debate and have a fantastic time at King'sMUN 2025.

Sincerely,

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Co-Secretary Generals

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Key Terms:

Evolution: Evolution is when a Pokémon transforms into the next species of Pokémon within its evolutionary line, therefore changing its physical appearance, and typically making it more powerful.

Natural Evolution: Evolution that occurs as a result of a Pokémon gaining experience and leveling up through battles and training, without any external influence or items.

Forced Evolution: Evolution triggered by external factors, such as using items (eg. evolutionary stones). In certain cases, Pokémon evolved through forced evolution do not wish to be evolved.

Evolutionary Stone: A special item used to trigger the evolution of certain Pokémon. Examples included on



Friendship/ Happiness

Evolution: Evolution based on a Pokémon's level of trust and bond with their trainer.

Evolutionary Line: The sequence of evolutionary stages that a Pokémon can go through. See Charmander example.



**PLEASE NOTE: THIS COMMITTEE IS DEALING WITH POKÉMON
SEASON 1: INDIGO LEAGUE.**

What is Pokémon?

Pokémon, short for Pocket Monsters, is a beloved franchise that originated in Japan during the 1990s as a video game series created by Satoshi Tajiri and Game Freak. Over the years, it has evolved into a cultural phenomenon, encompassing trading cards, animated TV shows, movies, toys, and more.

At its core, Pokémon revolves around the relationship between humans and fantastical creatures called Pokémon, which come in diverse shapes, sizes, and abilities. With over 1,000 species, each Pokémon possesses unique traits, strengths, and weaknesses, often tied to elemental types such as Fire, Water, or Electric. Trainers, the humans who catch and train Pokémon, build strong bonds with their companions, working as a team to participate in battles, solve challenges, and grow together.

The Pokémon world is divided into regions, each with distinct cultures, landscapes, and native Pokémon species. The Kanto region, where the franchise began in Pokémon: Indigo League, includes key locations such as Pallet Town, Viridian City, Pewter City, Cerulean City, Vermilion City, Celadon City, Fuchsia City, Saffron City, Cinnabar Island, and the Indigo Plateau, home of the Pokémon League.

Pokémon continues to inspire millions worldwide, and draws many real-world connections.



Pokémon in the Committee

- 1. Pikachu**
- 2. Eevee**
- 3. Charmander**
- 4. Bulbasaur**
- 5. Squirtle**
- 6. Caterpie**
- 7. Pidgeotto**
- 8. Gengar**
- 9. Sandshrew**
- 10. Meowth**
- 11. Gyarados**
- 12. Gloom**
- 13. Abra**
- 14. Psyduck**
- 15. Dragonite**
- 16. Growlithe**
- 17. Machop**
- 18. Jigglypuff**
- 19. Mew**
- 20. Vulpix**



Issue at Hand:

In the Indigo League, the decision of whether Pokémon should evolve is explored through many examples, each showcasing the impact of evolution on a Pokémon's personality, abilities, and relationship with its trainer. While evolution often leads to new powers, it isn't always the right choice. Some Pokémon resist evolving, while others evolve in ways that bring unexpected challenges.

Ash's Pikachu is one of the best examples of a Pokémon refusing to evolve. When Ash faced Lt. Surge and his powerful Raichu, he offered Pikachu a Thunder Stone to evolve. Pikachu declined, wanting to prove it could win with its own abilities rather than relying on evolution for strength. Pikachu's eventual victory through speed and strategy showed that staying true to oneself can be more important than gaining extra power. Pikachu's choice also strengthened its bond with Ash, emphasizing mutual respect between trainer and Pokémon.

Bulbasaur also resisted evolution during the episode "Bulbasaur's Mysterious Garden." When other Bulbasaur naturally evolved into Ivysaur, Ash's Bulbasaur chose to remain the same. This decision demonstrated confidence in its abilities and a strong sense of identity. Like Pikachu, Bulbasaur proved that evolution isn't necessary to succeed and grow stronger.

Ash's Charmander presents a more complicated example. When Charmander evolved into Charmeleon and later Charizard, its personality changed drastically. It became disobedient, often refusing to listen to Ash in battles. This shift strained their relationship and created significant challenges for Ash, especially during critical moments. Charizard's rebellious nature showed that evolution can sometimes lead to difficulties, particularly if the bond between trainer and Pokémon isn't strong enough to handle the change. Despite its immense power, Charizard's lack of cooperation made it more of a liability than an asset until Ash eventually earned its respect.

James's Magikarp is another example of evolution going wrong. After being mistreated and kicked by James, Magikarp evolved into Gyarados in a fit of rage. Instead of strengthening its connection with James, Gyarados attacked him and Team Rocket,

forcing them to flee. This evolution highlighted how neglect or poor treatment can lead to negative outcomes, even if the Pokémon gains significant power through evolution.

In contrast, Meowth's story offers a unique perspective. Unlike most Pokémon, Meowth chose to focus on learning human speech and walking upright rather than evolving into a Persian. This decision required years of effort and sacrifice but allowed Meowth to develop skills that set it apart. By forgoing evolution, Meowth gained individuality and showed that growth can take many forms beyond physical transformation.

The use of evolutionary stones also brings up important questions. These stones, such as the Thunder Stone, Fire Stone, and Water Stone, can trigger instant evolution, but they often bypass the Pokémon's choice. Pikachu's decision to reject the Thunder Stone during its battle with Raichu showed that evolution through stones should still respect the Pokémon's wishes. James's reckless handling of evolutionary power, as seen with Magikarp, further underscores the potential risks of forcing evolution without considering the Pokémon's feelings.

Not all Pokémon evolutions in the Indigo League result in challenges; some are highly successful and strengthen the bond between Pokémon and trainer. One great example is Ash's Pidgeotto evolving into Pidgeot in the episode "Pallet Party Panic." During a battle against a flock of wild Fearow threatening Ash and his Pokémon, Pidgeotto evolved into Pidgeot to protect everyone. This evolution not only increased its power and speed but also demonstrated its loyalty and willingness to protect its trainer. Pidgeot's evolution was timely and meaningful, allowing it to take on the Fearow and ensure the safety of Ash and the team. This example provides a strong case for the benefits of evolution.

To conclude, evolution offers several benefits to Pokémon by enhancing their physical strength, expanding their skill set, and increasing their chances of survival. When a Pokémon evolves, it often gains improved speed, power, and endurance, which makes it more competitive in battles. Evolving also allows Pokémon to access stronger and more diverse moves, increasing their versatility in various situations. Additionally, evolution often results in new types or abilities that can give a Pokémon an advantage in different battle scenarios, helping them defeat tougher opponents. Ultimately, the benefits of evolution are presented throughout the Indigo League, but how do they outweigh the demonstrated negative aspects?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

While the evolution of Pokémon is a fictional topic, there are many connections that can be applied to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

SDG 10 – Pokémon evolution can create unfair advantages for some trainers. Evolved Pokémon are often stronger and more skilled, giving their trainers a boost in battles or competitions. This can leave trainers with unevolved Pokémon feeling left behind, especially if they lack the resources or ability to evolve their Pokémon. Forcing Pokémon to evolve just to keep up might also go against their natural development. How can we make sure everyone has a fair chance, whether their Pokémon are evolved or not?

SDG 14 – Evolving Water-type Pokémon could help in protecting the oceans. For example, they could clean up pollution or help control invasive species that harm marine life. But forcing Pokémon to evolve for these tasks could upset the balance of ocean ecosystems. The challenge is finding ways to work with both evolved and unevolved Pokémon to protect marine environments without causing harm.

SDG 15 – Evolved Pokémon could play a big role in helping the environment on land. They might help restore forests, protect habitats, or even prevent deforestation. However, forcing Pokémon to evolve to meet these goals might interfere with their natural growth or create problems for the environment. The question is how to use Pokémon's abilities to protect nature while still respecting their natural way of life.

A Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is a global goal set by the United Nations to address pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges by 2030. All UN member states adopted these goals in 2015.



Questions to Consider:

1. Should Pokémon evolution be encouraged or restricted when it enhances their abilities but may conflict with their personal well-being?
 2. How can trainers ensure that Pokémon evolve naturally through trust and experience rather than being forced to evolve for human benefit?
 3. What ethical guidelines should govern the use of evolved Pokémon?
 4. Should Pokémon have the right to choose whether or not to evolve? If so, how can this be implemented and regulated?
 5. In what scenarios might the forced evolution of Pokémon, such as using Evolutionary Stones, be justifiable, and how can the risks of exploitation be minimized?
 6. Should certain Pokémon, like Pikachu or Eevee, remain unevolved to preserve their unique traits, or is evolution always a necessary step for their growth?
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Helpful Resources:

Pokémon Indigo League Wiki: https://pokemon.fandom.com/wiki/Pok%C3%A9mon:Indigo_League

Bulbapedia: https://bulbapedia.bulbagarden.net/wiki/Main_Page

Pokémon TV: <https://www.pokemon.com/us/animation/seasons/1>

**IT IS RECOMMENDED TO WATCH OR READ
THE SUMMARY OF EPISODES WHERE YOUR
POKÉMON APPEARS IN!**

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