



SPEECH MAKING & PUBLIC SPEAKING:

WRITING AND DELIVERING A SPEECH (SECONDARY)

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First of all consider: what makes a good speaker?

To be a great speaker you need to:

- engage your audience (who are watching your video) with your words, your voice and your personality
- keep their attention by varying your expression and the mood of your speech
- structure your speech so that the audience can follow your reasoning
- consider both sides of the topic but lead to one clear conclusion
- be well prepared, but not over-rehearsed

Planning your speech

Either select one of the ESU Festival of Speaking's specific themes or choose any topic in which you are interested and about which you have things to say.

Try to sum up what your speech will be about in one sentence so you are absolutely sure of the main point you want people to understand.

You could get friends and teachers (remotely) or members of your family (at home) to add their thoughts to your speech topic and to question your ideas if they disagree with points you want to make. This will help you prepare really well.

Writing your speech

Your speech should have a good structure and should separate into three parts:

- introduction - get the attention of your audience, tell them what the main point of your speech is and why it is important
- main points - organise your 2 or 3 points, and add the evidence for them and show the audience what the other side of the argument might be
- conclusion - tie the speech together for your audience, and remind them of what it is you wanted to achieve by speaking to them

Main points

- Choose your evidence from a reliable source (telling the audience what the source is) when you use any facts or statistics.

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