

Activity 2.1.4 Speak From The Heart

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8. How will you conclude your speech? Write two to three sentences concluding your speech on the fifth note card.
9. Put your note cards in order starting with the introduction, then the three main points, and finally the conclusion.
10. Read your speech to yourself. Revise areas you would like to improve.
11. Read the speech quietly to yourself three times. Your speech should be approximately two minutes in length. If needed, make adjustments for time.
12. Practice saying your speech out loud. Use a mirror or video app to study the effect. Emphasize voice, expression, presence, and effect.
13. Practice once with your parents listening. Again emphasize using the characteristics of a good speaker.
14. Ask your parents for feedback regarding your ability to emphasize your voice, expression, presence, and overall effect.
15. Continue practicing the speech until you are comfortable and confident with the content and your presentation abilities. Refer to *Generic Speaking Evaluation Rubric* to self-evaluate your speaking ability.
16. Present your speech to the class when instructed by your teacher.

Conclusion

1. Why is expression important when giving a speech?

Makes it interesting. Gets "buy in" from audience.

2. Describe how voice can alter the effect of a speech.

Voice conveys conviction of speaker. Gives speech gravitas.

3. How can having stage presence increase your effectiveness as a speaker?

Makes you less nervous. Makes you appear in control of setting.

4. What is the easiest part of giving a speech for you?

All of it - I like it!

5. What is the most challenging part of giving a speech for you?

getting chances to do so.