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#### Short Essay #4

Identify various lines of evidence that support the argument that the Letter to the Hebrews originated as a series of orally delivered messages.

There seem to be various lines of evidence that I personally never considered before now. After reading Hebrews now I see that there may be a good argument that the Letter to the Hebrews originated as a series of orally delivered messages. One way is how much the author repeats the use of the word spoken in scriptures such as Hebrews 5:11 *Of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.* In order for someone to say something, they must be *speaking*. In order for someone to hear something, they must be listening. This definitely shows verbal communication. Or Hebrews 6:9 *Dear friend's even though we are talking this way, we really don't believe it applies to you. We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with Salvation.* Here the authors use (talking) I think if it was a letter they would have said written or writing. He is using a conversational tone letting the audience know that there is no geographical distance that separates him from his audience. Also the author does not offer prayer for grace and peace; thanksgiving or blessing like most of the letters does. The book of Hebrews starts more like a sermon than a letter. These are some of the evidences that support the argument.