

4-H Public Speaking Contest

I will be giving my speech in class on: _____

STEP 1 PLAN

Pick your topic & gather information from reliable sources.

STEP 2 ORGANIZE

The speech should have an introduction, body, and conclusion. Write your speech in your own words and on note cards.

STEP 3 PRACTICE

Recite your speech (alone, to family and friends, in front of a mirror, or video yourself.)

STEP 4 DELIVER

Relax and take a deep breath; stand up straight; use note cards but try to memorize your speech; speak loudly with confidence and enthusiasm

How long should my speech be?

4th Grade: 1-3 minutes

5th-8th Grades: 2-5 minutes



Tips for writing your speech

Introduction:

Start out with a statement to get everyone's attention. Ask a question; tell a funny joke or story that relates to your topic; share a startling statistic or fact; or use a quote. Your introduction should include the topic of your speech. Avoid saying your name.

Body:

There are many ways to organize the body of your speech. Use at least 3 main points, such as, "there are three concepts to keep in mind when doing our part to help the environment: reduce, reuse, recycle."

1. First main point - write a few sentences about your 1st point
2. Second main point - write a few sentences about your 2nd point
3. Third main point—write a few sentences about your 3rd point

Use transition words between main points, such as: another, furthermore, in addition to, for example, etc.

Closing:

The closing should relate to the introduction. Use it to summarize and remind the audience of the main points. The closing will be the last thing the audience remembers. Make it count!

Some Topic Ideas: Any current issue affecting kids your age; Hobbies; Environment issues; Healthy Choices/Decisions; My hero and why; Respect; Courage; Citizenship; Perseverance ; Fairness



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