

Let's Practice- Write Your Own Speech!

Below you can find suggestions for a speech/presentation. This is a basic outline and you can alter/advance it for your target audience. You can create an engaging intro and/or a compelling closing as well.

INTRODUCTION: *(Be confident! Let everyone know who you are.)*

Hello, my name is _____ . I am presenting about _____

OR the cause I care about is _____ . This includes: _____

REASON/ISSUE 1-

I believe one specific issue that needs attention is _____

because _____

CONNECT WITH AUDIENCE:

REASON/ISSUE 2-

It's key that we also address the issues of _____

CLOSING: This cause is very important and I know together that with the help of everyone we can change the world. Thank you for your support!

General Tips: How to Give an Effective Speech/Presentation

- **Eye Contact:** Look the audience in the eye to connect with everyone listening. Be confident! You can do this!
- **Speak loudly:** Make sure that everyone can hear what you are saying. Don't be shy! Share your voice!
- **Know Your Facts:** Be knowledgeable about the subject. Some people like to use notecards in a school presentation as reference. Others practice their presentation ahead of time at home in front of a mirror and get feedback from friends, family or a teacher. Some people may even ask you follow up questions after you present.
- **Be Clear & Concise:** Speak within a reasonable amount of time. Organize the speech so that it is easy for the audience to understand. Leave the audience with 2-3 key points... Less is more!
- **Use Pauses To Your Advantage:** If you are nervous, pause briefly and relax. You can do this! Look at the audience and take a deep breath to collect your thoughts.
- **MOST OF ALL: Have fun!** Smile and let those watching know just how passionate you are about what you're talking about. Believe in what you are saying!