

Welcome to Speak Up 2023

Your mission is to prepare a four minute speech on a topic of your choice. The topic can inform, educate, entertain or persuade.

The topic should be:

1. Appropriate and interesting for your year group
2. Well researched, showing a depth of knowledge
3. Presented in a logical and engaging manner

Ask your parents or older brothers and sisters for advice and guidance when preparing your speech.

You will need a thirty-second introduction. You should think of a way to begin your speech which will gain your audience's interest and attention straight away.

The main part of your speech should go for about three minutes. You will need to have three or four main ideas or points and some details about each one.

A warning bell will ring at three and a half minutes, so your conclusion should be about thirty seconds long. It's important to make up a good ending for your speech. Try to sum up your ideas, give your own opinions about the topic and leave your audience with a message.

You will need to include all of the following five elements in your speech:

1. Introduction - this needs to be a strong statement of your beliefs.
2. Idea 1
3. Idea 2
4. Idea 3
5. Conclusion - a summation of your topic which restates your main points.

Write out your whole speech, but you don't have to learn it word for word. You will need to use palm cards to recall the sequence of information. They should fit into your hand so that they can't be seen by the audience. Your aim is to speak to the audience, so you should only glance at your palm cards if you need prompting. Your palm cards will be written up in class.

Good preparation will make you more confident, and confident speakers are interesting and entertaining. Remember to **practise your speech lots of times** - in front of a mirror, in front of your pet and in front of family and friends.

The top 3 students from Woodlands, voted in by students and teachers will attend the Speak Up heats on Wednesday 9th August and hopefully progress to the finals.

Speak Up Timeline

Term 2	Decide on topic and conduct research, this may be done in class time or at home, write out your speech
Holidays Week 1	Prepare palm cards
Holidays Week 2	Practise, practise, practise.
Term 3 Week 1	Class Presentations
Term 3 Week 2 Friday	Year 4/5/6 Finals
WEDNESDAY 9th August 10am	Speak Up Heats in Scarborough for our TOP 3 students

Have fun preparing your speech. We're looking forward to hearing it!

Year 4/5/6 Teachers

Go to this link: <https://www.mrtoddsclassroom.com/speak-up-2023.html>

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For more details and examples.

