



Wolverhampton Speakers Club

Section A Exercise 1 – Myself

The speaker will, after an initial 'Icebreaker', deliver a prepared speech based upon the speaker's own interests and experiences.

For This Exercise

The evaluation of this first speech should be gentle and encouraging, and not overly critical. The Evaluator could comment on:

- Suitable subject for the Exercise?
- Beginning to make eye contact?
- Overcoming nervousness?
- Stance at the lectern?
- General positive comments might be made about the General Techniques overleaf without dwelling on them

General Techniques

Construction	Voice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to follow? • Clear Beginning/Middle/End structure? • Does speech need signposting Y/N? • If so, is there clear signposting? • Powerful opening? • Powerful ending? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity? • Pronunciation? • Varied pitch and volume? • Varied pace? • Correct use of pauses? • Not tailing off?
Notes	General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were notes used? • Did the speaker read the notes? • Were the notes obtrusive or distracting? • Pause to scan notes? • First sentence memorised? • Last sentence memorised? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable subject? • Stance? • Gestures? • Mannerisms? • Use of language? • Audience rapport?

Techniques From Previous Exercises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
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Possible Recommendations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move on to next Exercise • Repeat Exercise with same speech • Repeat Exercise with a new speech
