



Wolverhampton Speakers Club

Section A Exercise 2 – Speaking to a Theme

The speaker will prepare and deliver a speech from an approved list of subjects.

For This Exercise

- Subject chosen?
- Timing within 5-8 minute band?
- Use of eye contact?
- Are there the beginnings of structure in the speech?
- Is there an introduction and summary?
- Is the speech easy to follow?

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

- Move on to next Exercise
- Repeat Exercise with same speech
- Repeat Exercise with a new speech