



# Wolverhampton Speakers Club

## Section B Exercise 8 – Storytelling and Narrative

*The speaker will deliver a speech in the form of a story or a narration of events.*

### For This Exercise

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable subject for the Exercise?</li> <li>• Well-structured?</li> <li>• <b>Story</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fictitious?</li> <li>○ From experience?</li> <li>○ Retelling of a known story?</li> <li>○ Story arc?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Narrative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not an anecdote?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not a list of events?</li> <li>• <b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Entertainment?</li> <li>○ Make a point/raise an emotion?</li> <li>○ Sell a vision?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spoke TO audience?</li> <li>• Capture imagination and emotions?</li> <li>• Series of images?</li> <li>• Word painting &amp; voice music?</li> </ul>
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### General Techniques

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

### Techniques From Previous Exercises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech Construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Notes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using Your Voice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word Painting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking With Your Body</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

### Possible Recommendations

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