

Special Occasion Speech

Purpose: To develop your skill in developing and delivering a special occasion speech.

- Points: ___/40
- Visual Aid or Prop? ___ (required)

Requirements:

- Length: 2-3 minutes
- Props/Visual Aids
- Typed Speaking Outline
- Make sure that you are well rehearsed. Special Occasion Speeches should be smooth, organized, and interesting.
- Make sure that you make your speech memorable! Consider how to use ethos, logos and pathos.

Choose one of the Scenarios below:

Scenario #1: Giving a Commemorative Speech

You have been asked to pay tribute to a person, group of people, an institution, event or idea. You have been asked to speak because you are well-known for your ability to increase an audience's admiration for a person, institution, event or idea.

Examples: Paying tribute to the soldiers in Iraq, paying tribute to a fallen police officer, paying tribute to a newly developed community center, paying tribute to the idea of freedom for all.

Guidelines for Giving a Commemorative Speech:

- Present information about the subject by expressing feelings and arousing sentiments.
- Explain why you feel the subject should be commemorated and honored.
- Explain what impact the subject had or will have.
- Be creative with your use of language by being descriptive.
- Display sincere feelings.
- Motivates the audience to continue honoring the subject.

Scenario #2: Giving a Toast

You have been asked to give a toast at your _____'s (son, daughter, best friend, etc.) wedding. It is a privilege for you to give this toast. You feel very proud and happy for the couple.

Guidelines for Giving a Toast:

- Thank the bride and groom for being given the opportunity to give a toast on their special day.
- Focus on some positive attributes or characteristics of the bride and groom.
- Use a personal story that demonstrates the attribute or characteristic of the bride and/or groom.
- Create a vivid and memorable image of the couple being honored.
- Give eye contact to the entire audience.
- Project enthusiasm.
- Closes by asking the audience to raise their glass and toast the happy couple.

Scenario #3: Eulogy

You have been asked to give a brief eulogy at ___'s funeral/wake. All of the family and friends are in attendance. You will address the audience in the manner the deceased wants you to.

Note: You can do this eulogy on yourself if you want to.

Guidelines for Giving a Eulogy:

- Address the audience.
- Point out what was significant and good about this person.
- Comfort the group.
- Express appropriate feelings.
- Makes the person memorable (personal stories, quotes, etc.).
- Provides a solid and memorable closing statement.