

Effective Public Speaking Tips for Students

Quality Content

No matter how great a speaker you are, if the content of the speech is not properly organized or is inadequate, either ways it is going to backfire! So, to start with, make sure that you know exactly what message you want to convey through your speech, what kind of audience you are going to speak in front of, and then write the speech content accordingly. The speech should follow a logical sequence and should never ever seem haphazard. One story should lead to another and so on. As far as possible, avoid abrupt starting and endings of sub-topics in between the speech.

Spicy Content

Once you have the basic assignment material ready, you need to spice it up a bit with stories, anecdotes, any funny experiences, which contribute in bringing forth the points of the speech in an interesting manner. If you lack in this department, take help from your parents or friends or elder siblings!

Practice

One of the most important [public speaking tips](#) for high school students, is to practice it as many times as you can. A good idea, here, is to stand in front of the mirror and rehearse it while watching yourself. This will help you to develop an appropriate body language, while delivering a speech.

Become Familiar

Many a times, it is seen that students become very jittery while speaking in front of others. So, one of the most useful [public speaking](#) tips for anxiety and to relax oneself, is to go to the hall where you have to give the speech, one hour earlier than scheduled time and become familiar with the surroundings. If possible, rehearse the whole speech along with the visual aids you are using, so that you are at ease

and to not get anxious. More on [nervousness and public speaking](#).

Handouts

One of the main reasons that audience remains uninvolved in speeches is that it is busy jotting down the important points. So, in order to get full attention of the audience, tell them at the beginning of the speech that they will be getting handouts, which outline your entire speech, in the end.

Voice Modulation

Voice modulation is very important. If you give the speech in the same tone, the audience will find it very monotonous and boring. So, if there are some important points in your speech, stress more on them. If you are about to share an interesting experience, take a pause and tell it, as if you are telling a story. On the whole, make sure that there is clarity in your voice and your speech is audible, by delivering it loudly and at the same time, slowly.

Hide Your Nervousness

Perhaps, the most important aspect of [public speaking tips for kids](#), college students or even professionals, is to keep your nervousness and anxieties, well hidden from the audience. The great speakers that you see around, that you feel are very confident, might be actually faking confidence! Whether you are confident from within or are pretending to be confidence, the audience cannot tell the difference. So, just fake it, plaster a smile on your face and carry on!

Public Speaking Tips for Students : Do's and Dont's

- First very important thing to do is, to choose your [speech topic](#) very carefully. Ideally, select a topic which interests you and on which you have some previous knowledge.
- Be well-dressed. As everybody knows, first impressions count a lot.

- When delivering a speech, make sure that you maintain eye contact with the entire audience. Do not just look in one direction. Instead, look at different people at different times during your speech. This is a great way to involve the audience in your speech
- Do not read out your speech word by word. If possible, memorize it and do away with the written material completely.
- If quoting someone, or reading out a statistics, make sure to mention the source.
- When giving examples and stories, make sure that you include those which the audience can relate to.
- It is seen that visual aids such as power-point presentations, interest and appeal to the audience a lot, so use them creatively to enhance the effectiveness of your speech.
- Do not make the speech too lengthy. Keep it short, crisp and interesting.