

Inspiring Oratory: Writing a Persuasive Speech

Learning objective: To identify and use rhetorical devices, modal verbs, and formal tone to construct a compelling speech.

Read each task carefully. Ensure your writing uses formal language suitable for a public address. Use the vocabulary provided to enhance your arguments.

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Word bank: furthermore · undeniably · perspective · imperative · advocate · unprecedented · consequently · rhetorical · conviction

1. Max the monkey is preparing a speech to persuade the school council to build a new outdoor maths climbing frame. Write an opening 'hook' for his speech using a rhetorical question that immediately engages the audience. (2 marks)

2. Identify two modal verbs that could be used in a speech to express certainty or necessity. Explain why choosing the correct modal verb is vital when trying to persuade an audience. (3 marks)

3. Leo the lion needs to add an emotive paragraph to his speech about protecting the forest. Write 3-4 sentences using high-level vocabulary to create a strong sense of urgency. (4 marks)

4. Explain why the 'rule of three' is a powerful technique in speech writing. Provide your own example of a 'rule of three' sentence that Nova the owl might use to talk about the importance of protecting the night sky. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the tone of a speech given to your classmates versus a speech given to the Headteacher. Justify your answer by explaining how the language choices would shift. (3 marks)

6. Kit the fox wants to argue that computing should be taught in every forest school. What might happen if he uses only facts without any emotive language? How would this affect the audience's response? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Leo the lion standing at a grand wooden podium in the centre of the forest, with the other BookFlik characters sitting in an audience listening intently. Include a banner behind him that highlights the theme of his speech.



Extension challenge: Write a short, persuasive speech (150 words) from the perspective of Bea the honeybee. Your goal is to persuade a gardener to plant more wildflowers. You must include one rhetorical question, a 'rule of three', and at least three words from the word bank.