

Max's Great Speech Planner

Learning objective: To structure an engaging and persuasive speech using rhetorical devices and formal language, as required for Grade 4 ELA.

Max the Monkey loves to solve puzzles, and he believes that a great speech is just a puzzle where every word has its perfect place. Use this template to plan your speech. Start by choosing a topic you feel passionate about, then use the sections below to build your argument. Remember to include 'rhetorical questions' to make your audience think and 'emotive language' to capture their hearts!

Word bank: persuasive · rhetorical question · argument · audience · emotive language · therefore · consequently · extraordinary · undoubtedly · convince

1. The Hook: Write an opening sentence that grabs the audience's attention. You might want to use a rhetorical question or a surprising fact. (2 marks)

2. The Introduction: Briefly explain what you are going to talk about and why it is important to you and your listeners. (3 marks)

3. Point One: State your first main argument. Provide a piece of evidence or an example to support your point. (4 marks)

4. Point Two: State your second main argument. Use emotive language to help the audience feel the same way you do. (4 marks)

5. The Conclusion: Summarise your main points and finish with a strong, memorable call to action for your audience. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Once you have finished your plan, practice reading your speech aloud to a partner. Focus on your tone of voice and use hand gestures to emphasise your most important points. Can you spot any places where you could add an adverb to make your language more descriptive?