

A Talk or Speech

Version A

Describe an interesting talk or speech you heard.

You should say:

who gave the speech

where it was

what it was about

and explain why you thought (or, think) it was interesting.

Version B

Describe an interesting talk or lecture you heard (or, attended).

You should say:

who was speaking / who spoke (or, who gave the talk or lecture)

where it was

what it was about

and explain why you thought it was interesting.

Part 3

Public Speaking (e.g. Giving a Speech)

- What types of people (personality) would you say are good at

talking?

- What types (categories) of people do you think usually give a speech?
- What characteristics (or, traits, or qualities) do you think a person needs to have in order to give a good speech?
- Would you say most people in your country would feel nervous if they had to speak (to a large) group of people?
- What do suggest someone could do in order to reduce that nervousness?
- What qualities does someone need in order to speak in front of a (large) group (or, speak in public)?
- How important would you say self-confidence is when speaking in front of a group (or, speaking in public)?
- Which do you think is more important when speaking in public, confidence or knowledge?

Being a Listener

- What are some occasions when it's important to be a good listener?
- How can a person be a good listener when attending a talk or lecture (or a speech)?
- Why do you think some people are not very good listeners (sometimes)?
- (Similar to above) What are some reasons why some people can't concentrate on a lecture (or talk or speech)?
- Would you say most people prefer to be a listener, or a speaker?
- What types of people usually attend a lecture?
- Do you usually remember everything you hear when you attend a lecture?

- How can you remember what you have heard?
- Do you take notes when you attend a lecture?
- Do you think taking notes in a lecture would distract you from listening to the lecturer?
- What do you think makes a lecture (or, a talk, or speech) interesting?
- Can you suggest how some lectures could be improved?
- What preparations would you make if your were going to give a talk or lecture?

Giving a Talk to Children

- Do you think it's important for children to listen to a speech (or a talk, or a lecture)?
- What types of people do you think are most often invited to give a talk to children?