

## Chapter 2: Give Your First Speech Test Bank

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which of the following is NOT one of the four “key plays” to delivering your first speech?
  - a. Topic selection
  - b. Speech development, support, and organization
  - c. Practice and delivery
  - d. Identifying your weaknesses

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Easy

REF: Chapter 2. Give Your First Speech

OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Knowledge

2. Taylor is at the beginning stages deciding on a topic for her speech. First, she should conduct the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. research analysis
  - b. self-analysis
  - c. audience analysis
  - d. topic analysis

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.1 Select Your Topic

OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Application

3. Which of the following is NOT included in the topic selection stage of speechmaking?
  - a. Analyze yourself.
  - b. Consider your audience and the occasion.
  - c. Compose a thesis statement.
  - d. Consider criteria for choosing your topic.

ANS: C                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.1 Select Your Topic

OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Comprehension

4. Which of the following is NOT one of the suggestions the authors provided as a way to conduct your self-analysis?
  - a. Conduct a life overview.
  - b. Focus on this moment in time.
  - c. Think about what you want to do in the future.
  - d. Use technology.

ANS: C                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Easy                REF: 2.1a Analyze Yourself

OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Knowledge

5. Grant has divided his life into early life, midlife, and more recent life, and he has worked on composing a sentence to summarize each of these three stages of his life. Which aspect of self-analysis has Grant pursued?
  - a. Conduct a life overview.
  - b. Focus on this moment in time.

- c. Be newsy.
- d. Use technology.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium                      REF: 2.1a Analyze Yourself  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking                      COG: Application

6. If you consider only your interests and don't take the needs of your audience into account, audience members are more likely to
- a. be enthusiastic about your speech
  - b. be bored and become easily distracted
  - c. engage with you after your speech
  - d. not show up for your speech

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.1b Consider Your Audience and the Occasion  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking                      COG: Comprehension

7. When selecting a topic for your first speech, you should do all of the following EXCEPT
- a. avoid overused topics.
  - b. limit the scope of your topic so that it fits the time allotted for your speech.
  - c. make sure you have access to the material you will need to prepare the speech.
  - d. not think too much about your topic as it will come to you.

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.1c Criteria for Choosing Your Topic  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking                      COG: Comprehension

8. Which of the following is NOT true in regards to criteria for selecting your topic?
- a. Select an appropriate topic.
  - b. Choose a topic that has been used many times before.
  - c. Limit the scope of your topic.
  - d. Choose a topic with accessible and researchable material.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.1c Criteria for Choosing Your Topic  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking                      COG: Comprehension

9. Which of the following is NOT a component of your effort to develop, support, and organize your speech?
- a. Stating your speech's purpose
  - b. Composing a thesis statement
  - c. Identifying your speech's main points
  - d. Delivering the speech

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Easy  
REF: 2.2 Develop, Support, and Organize Your Speech  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Knowledge

10. Which of the following statements is true of your speech's purpose?
- a. It specifies the goal of your speech.
  - b. It expresses the central idea of your speech.

- c. It introduces the first argument of your speech.
- d. It contains several sentences.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2a State Your Speech's Purpose      OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically  
COG: Comprehension

11. Which of the following statements is true of the thesis statement?
- a. It specifies the goal of your speech.
  - b. It expresses the central idea of your speech.
  - c. It introduces the first argument of your speech.
  - d. It contains several sentences.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2b Compose a Thesis Statement      OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically  
COG: Comprehension

12. Most of your speeches will contain how many main points?
- a. One
  - b. Two or three
  - c. Four or five
  - d. More than five

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2c Identify Your Speech's Main Points  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

13. To develop your speech, you may use all of the following EXCEPT
- a. personal experiences.
  - b. examples.
  - c. expert testimony.
  - d. ideas that you borrow from a book and that you pass as your own.

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2d Research and Select Materials to Support Main Points  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

14. Which of the following is NOT one of the three major parts of a speech?
- a. Introduction
  - b. Body
  - c. Conclusion
  - d. Questions for the audience

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

15. Hannah has decided on her topic and is beginning to write her speech. Which section of her speech would you suggest she develop first?
- a. Introduction
  - b. Body
  - c. Conclusion
  - d. Questions for the audience

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Application

16. A good conclusion to a persuasive speech includes all of the following EXCEPT
- a restatement of your thesis.
  - a reminder for listeners of your main points.
  - a reason for listeners to feel a small amount of guilt that will motivate them to act.
  - motivation for your audience to act.

ANS: C                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Comprehension

17. Which of the following should be the very first component of your speech?
- Thesis statement
  - Attention getter
  - Credibility enhancer
  - Preview of main points

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Knowledge

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the guide or “skeleton” for the main ideas of your speech.
- outline
  - introduction
  - body
  - conclusion

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Easy  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Knowledge

19. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the principle that your main points should be relatively equal in importance, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the idea that you should have supporting ideas that underlie your main points.
- Subordination; coordination
  - Coordination; subordination
  - Equality; support
  - Support; equality

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Comprehension

20. \_\_\_\_\_ help you move from your introduction to your body to your conclusion, as well as within your main points.
- Indicators
  - Theses
  - Transitions

d. Markers

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

21. Words such as “first,” “next,” and “finally” are
- indicators.
  - signposts.
  - transitions.
  - markers.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Application

22. Which of the following is NOT true regarding practicing your speech?
- You can overprepare.
  - Practicing in front of a mirror can be helpful.
  - Practice needs to be a habit.
  - You should practice with your visual aids and any other materials you will have.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium                      REF: 2.3 Practice Delivery  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

23. Which of the following is NOT true regarding vocal cues?
- Regulate your volume, rate, pitch, and vocal variety.
  - Speak in a monotone voice.
  - Use correct pronunciation.
  - Use clear articulation.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.3a Rehearse and Revise as Needed  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

24. What should you do when you take the podium for the speech?
- Let yourself be nervous; it is just expected.
  - Stare at the audience.
  - Visualize yourself succeeding.
  - Greet the audience cheerfully.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.3c Take the Podium, Harness Nervous Energy, and Present the Speech  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically |2-3: Deliver a brief first speech  
COG: Comprehension

25. Which of the following is NOT suggested after you have given your speech?
- Compare and contrast your expectations with your actual experiences.
  - Critique your performance.
  - Harshly criticize what you did wrong.
  - Apply what you learned to your next speech.

ANS: C                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.4 Conduct a Post-Presentation Analysis  
OBJ: 2-4: Score your first speech performance to establish a baseline on which to build your skills  
COG: Application

26. To learn as much as possible from the first speech so you can apply these lessons to your next one, you should
- write an essay.
  - talk to a friend.
  - complete a self-assessment scorecard.
  - do nothing, just go further to preparing for your next speech.

ANS: C                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.4 Conduct a Post-Presentation Analysis  
OBJ: 2-4: Score your first speech performance to establish a baseline on which to build your skills  
COG: Comprehension

27. Which question about the speech you have delivered should you ask in your post-presentation scorecard?
- Was I nervous?
  - Did my speech persuade the audience?
  - How well did I do?
  - What did I do wrong?

ANS: C                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.4a Assess Your Performance  
OBJ: 2-4: Score your first speech performance to establish a baseline on which to build your skills  
COG: Comprehension

28. Once you have become more capable of assessing your speeches, what can you use for a more comprehensive assessment?
- A scorecard
  - A gradebook
  - A professional
  - Internet resources

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    DIF: Easy  
REF: 2.4a Assess Your Performance  
OBJ: 2-4: Score your first speech performance to establish a baseline on which to build your skills  
COG: Knowledge

## SHORT ANSWER

1. When you consider aspects of your own personality and learn what motivates and interests you, you are conducting the \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS:  
self-analysis

PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.1a Analyze Yourself  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Application

2. When you consider how familiar audience members are with your selected topic area, what their attitudes may be towards it are, and what they might like to know about it, you are conducting the \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS:  
audience analysis

PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.1b Consider Your Audience and the Occasion  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Application

3. One of the criteria for choosing your speech is limiting the \_\_\_\_\_ of your topic so that it fits the time allotted for your speech.

ANS:  
scope

PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.1c Criteria for Choosing Your Topic  
OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking    COG: Comprehension

4. The specific purpose is used to develop your \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS:  
thesis

PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.2a State Your Speech's Purpose  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Comprehension

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a speech are the major ideas that you will relay to receivers through your speech.

ANS:  
main points

PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium            REF: 2.2c Identify Your Speech's Main Points  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Comprehension

6. An \_\_\_\_\_ provides the skeleton upon which you hang your main ideas and support.

ANS:  
outline

PTS: 1                    DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                    COG: Comprehension

7. According to a principle that guides the creation of an outline, the main points should be relatively equal in importance. This is the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS:  
coordination

PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

8. \_\_\_\_\_ can help enhance your speech and may include physical objects, drawings, charts, graphs, photographs, or sound recordings

ANS:  
Presentation aids

PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium                      REF: 2.2f Consider Presentation Aids  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

### TRUE/FALSE

1. The specific purpose of your speech should be a 2–3-sentence statement.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2a State Your Speech's Purpose                      OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically  
COG: Comprehension

2. If your specific purpose and thesis are clearly formulated, it will be easy for you to identify your speech's **main points**.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2c Identify Your Speech's Main Points  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

3. One factor that influences your credibility is the quality and relevance of your supporting materials.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2d Research and Select Materials to Support Main Points  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Comprehension

4. You should indicate in your outline where you plan to use visual aids.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.2f Consider Presentation Aids                      OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically  
COG: Comprehension

5. You only need to practice your speech once to be adequately prepared.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium  
REF: 2.3a Rehearse and Revise as Needed  
OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically |2-3: Deliver a brief first speech



COG: Comprehension

6. Presenting a speech should become effortless.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium

REF: 2.3a Rehearse and Revise as Needed

OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically |2-3: Deliver a brief first speech

COG: Comprehension

7. When you approach the podium, you should try to visualize yourself succeeding.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium

REF: 2.3c Take the Podium, Harness Nervous Energy, and Present the Speech

OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically |2-3: Deliver a brief first speech

COG: Comprehension

## ESSAY

1. Discuss and exemplify strategies to analyze yourself in order to select the topic of your speech.

ANS:

Areas to discuss: conduct a life overview, focus on this moment in time, be newsy, use technology

PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium                      REF: 2.1a Analyze Yourself

OBJ: 2-1: Understand the basic moves used in speechmaking                      COG: Analysis

2. Discuss and exemplify how you can outline your speech.

ANS:

Areas to discuss: introduction, body, and conclusion, coordination and subordination, transitions and signposts

PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium

REF: 2.2e Outline Your Speech Indicating Transitions and Signposts

OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically                      COG: Analysis

3. Explain why practicing your speech is important.

ANS:

Areas to discuss: How well you do is based on how effectively you prepared. Speechmaking, like a sport, requires practice to become skilled. Through practice, you can revise and improve your speech and speaking ability.

PTS: 1                      DIF: Medium                      REF: 2.3 Practice Delivery

OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically |2-3: Deliver a brief first speech

COG: Analysis

4. Why is it important to replicate the conditions of the speech as much as you can when you're practicing?

ANS:

Areas to discuss: The purpose of practice is to help you appear as if you are a naturally skilled speaker. If you experience unexpected situations during your speech, you could become more anxious. Attempting to prepare for all possible situations can help you avoid this.

PTS: 1

DIF: Medium

REF: 2.3 Practice Delivery

OBJ: 2-2: Approach public speaking systematically |2-3: Deliver a brief first speech

COG: Analysis

5. What benefits can you gain from conducting a self-assessment of your speeches?

ANS:

Areas to discuss: In addition to identifying areas for improvement, you can assess what you did well in order to continue those components.

PTS: 1

DIF: Medium

REF: 2.4a Assess Your Performance

OBJ: 2-4: Score your first speech performance to establish a baseline on which to build your skills

COG: Analysis