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The Perfect Speech For Kids:

A 7-day Step-by-step Preparation Pack to Help
Your Child Deliver A Great Speech in English

Practical steps that any parent can follow to help their child
arrive at the big day, **fully prepared and ready to go.**

Why listen to me



- I have several years' experience as a professional actor and know how to make content engaging.
- I've taught at some of the top schools in London where I was on the panel of speech competitions.
- I have three children of my own - I'm not sharing any advice that I wouldn't implement myself.
- My company, Hone Your English, has helped hundreds of professionals to give great presentations at work - by following our advice, you are helping your child to be ready for the workplace.

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Your role...

Young people need varying levels of parental support: some are totally independent learners, others need help with organisation, others need step-by-step instructions. **Try to gauge how much support your child really needs** - the goal should always be to encourage our children to think for themselves, develop good habits and become independent learners.

On a scale of 1 - 10, how organised and independent in their study habits is your child?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your child had to give a presentation tomorrow, what would they find difficult and what would they be good at?

If your child was preparing to give a presentation, what kind of support would be most helpful for them, from you?
E.g. discussing ideas, helping to practice, developing a PowerPoint...

If you are to effectively support your child to give a presentation at school, it's essential that you **fully understand the project guidelines**. Keep a careful eye on your child's homework planner and/or any communication channels that detail homework. If you are not sure what your child has to do, you can always check with their teacher.



Here's what to do when they have been given a talk / presentation as an assignment

Remember that **the earlier a presentation is planned**, the more opportunity there is to develop ideas and refine delivery.

Use this form to summarize the key information:

What exactly do they need to speak about?

How long does it need to be?

Do they have to speak on their own or is it a group project?

What is your child responsible for?

What date is the talk?

Is a PowerPoint presentation required?

What are they being assessed on? What do they need to do to score highly? (ask their teacher, if unsure)

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Working environments + study habits

It's important to consider **how and where your child prefers to work**. They may be a morning person, they may or may not like background noise, they may like working at the kitchen table, or prefer some space to themselves...

Also, try and observe the **emotional state of your child**. It may be counter-productive to ask your child to study when they need to burn off some energy.

Try to agree on a time each day when you are going to spend half an hour working on their speech.

Time of
day?

Music
or no
music?

Where in
the house
do they
work best?

How long
can they
concentrate
for?



Let's Get Ready!



7 Days To Go

Now that you and your child are clear on what they have to do in their talk, the next task is to plan engaging and effective content to support their ideas.

Step 1

Write down all the different ideas you have.
There is no such thing as a bad idea.
Spend at least three minutes doing this.

Step 2

Now that you have all these different ideas, begin sifting through them. Which are the key points? What's the most logical order to present the key points?



Step 3

Now that you have your key points in order, you need to plan how you are going to illustrate and evidence your points. You can illustrate through facts and statistics but it's often **stories and anecdotes** that are more memorable when delivering a speech - try to encourage your child to use their personal experiences to bring life to their presentations...

Key Points

How to illustrate / evidence them

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6 Days To Go

Today is all about making the talk visually interesting. Reading a speech from cue cards is boring. Reading a load of info from a PowerPoint is boring.

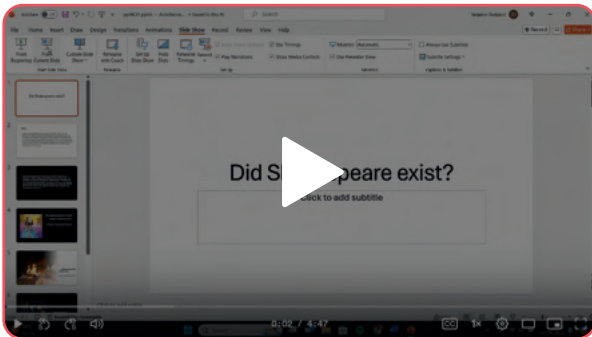
How could your child use visual cues to make their talk more interesting? Are there any props they could use?

If your child is giving a PowerPoint presentation, here are a few suggestions for you to watch so you can share ideas.

Better PowerPoints

Video

My Takeaways



1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Ask your child to practice their speech in front of you with any visual cues.

Would the speech be interesting if you couldn't hear anything they were saying?
If there's a PowerPoint, is it clear and easy to digest?



5 Days To Go

OK. So now your child has:

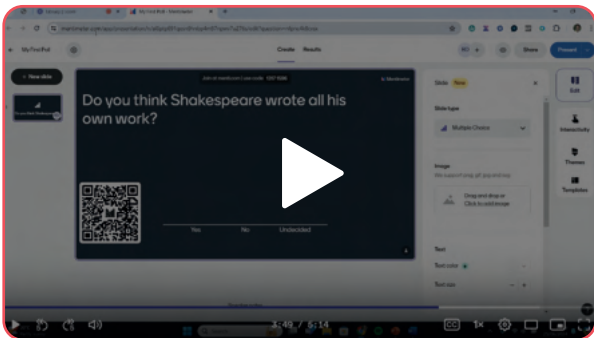
- Planned out their ideas
- Created the visual illustration of their ideas

Now, it's time to make the speech more engaging and more interactive!

Again, some homework for you so you can share ideas with your child.

Video

My Takeaways



1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Discuss ways in which your child might make their presentation more engaging and interactive. Make sure you actually agree on **at least three strategies** that they will implement.



4 Days To Go

Today is all about your child having a practice. Fix a time that they are going to start. Time it and encourage them not to stop once they start. Remember, that part of your job as a parent, is to boost their confidence, so always give more praise than suggestions.

Length of speech

3 Things
You Liked

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

2 Things
They Need
to Work On

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

Plan for
making
improvements



3 Days To Go

Today is all about making sure that the tech works! I have seen very experienced professionals being embarrassed by unexpected tech problems that could have been avoided.

Encourage your child to practice their speech **wherever they are delivering it.**

If it's in a lecture theatre, see if you can go there and use the projector, if applicable.



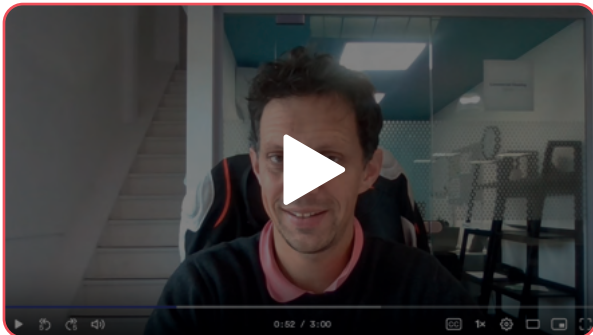
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1 Day To Go

The day before the big day, you want your child to do a dress rehearsal so they are feeling really confident for the main event. Help them to feel relaxed before they start, but then avoid interrupting them until they have finished their presentation so they get out of the habit of stopping and starting.

When you give feedback, again focus on the positives and just give them one thing that they could improve.



On the day

You want to avoid putting any additional pressure on your child by stressing them out about their talk. Just try to keep them calm, make sure they eat a good breakfast and act normal - it's all you can do!

