Speech Observation Worksheet

**Name**:

**Speaker**:

Where was the speech presented?

Beijing.

What was the occasion for the speech?

An English speech competition

**Vocal Communication:** Record your observations about each of the following aspects of the speaker’s voice.

Volume

The speaker’s volume is loud enough for audiences to hear. And it’s not too loud to be annoyed.

Pitch

The speaker used pitch when she wants to emphasize the important point. She make good use of the pitch.

Rate

The speaker spoke a fluent English but not too fast to understand. Sometimes she used a higher speed to speak to pass the less important part of the speech and some phrase used to connect the speech.

Pauses

When she tried to jump to the next point, she used the pauses. What’s more, when she wants to list the three colors, she used pauses to let audiences know that this part is central idea of the speech, which arouse the curiosity of audiences.

Vocal variety

The speaker used a very diverse and colorful word in his speech. Besides, she also quoted an old saying. It built up his credit.

Pronunciation

Her pronunciation is a little bit Chinglish and her pronunciation has a little accent. But it didn’t influence the understanding of us.

Articulation

Her speech is very clear to understand. The important words can be heard very easily. The articulation of this speech is great.

**Physical Action:** Record your observations about each of the following aspects of the speaker’s physical action

Personal appearance

The speaker has a very clean personal appearance. She didn’t wear too bright-colored clothes. Instead, he wore the clothes in deep color, which shows she attach great importance to the formal occasion.

Movement

She didn’t move a lot. Just sit behind the desk.

Gestures

She didn’t have much gestures. On the one hand, it shows that she was a little nervous. On the other hand, it shows the formality of this speech.

Eye contact

She has a strong and continuous eye contact with the audience, it shows that she is very genuine. And also, it built up her credit.

**Overall Evaluation of Delivery**：Explain how the speaker’s delivery added to or detracted from the message.

Firstly, she pointed out her central idea straightforwardly.

Secondly, the speaker used the metaphor to develop her main points. She used color to symbolize the character of Beijing. For example, she used green to symbolize the measures of environment protection for Beijing.

At last, she mentioned the main point again to conclude that Beijing is ready for the Olympic Games in every aspect. So was the truth.

**What It Means for Me:** Explain at least two techniques of delivery used by the speaker that you might want to try in your next speech.

Firstly, the speaker come straight to the point. She didn’t use many words in her introduction, which I plan to use in my next speech because it could help the speech to more compact and I can spare more effort to concentrate on the main point.

Secondly, the speaker used the metaphor to develop her main points. She used color to symbolize the character of Beijing. I plan to use it to make my speech easier to understand.