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Demonstration Speech Self Analysis

The speech ‘How to be a Starbucks Barista’ had a strong opener, it was delivered loud, clear and confidently. The introduction produced all of the main objectives, it had an attention getter, followed by a topic reveal, it also provided establishment of credibility along with a preview of the body. In future speeches, I will practice more, I did not have the best establishment of eye contact, due to the fact I had to read the speech at certain points. The body of the speech followed a chronological order of Cashier, Making the drink, and Lidding the drink, only elaborating on the parts that need to be explained.

In this speech, I provided two citations, the statistics I used in the intro, and the parts of a shot of espresso. Although I had multiple other citations, I did not use them because I did not prepare clear delivery cues on note cards. I prepared them and had them in my speech outline, I just forgot to show them.

Throughout the speech I showed enthusiasm in my voice, but my eyes and face were facing my note cards most of the time. I believe the reason for this is I did not know my speech well enough to keep eye contact with my audience. This caused my face to not look enthusiastic, after reviewing this video, I was disheartened by my posture during delivery. I was in a slouched position in one place, my shoulders where turned slightly giving an awful look. To prevent this in the future, I will video myself practicing, to notice if I still am in that hunched over, turned position.

I met both parts of the conclusion, but it was very rough ending, I did not practice the conclusion well enough where it could be said while having eye contact. Instead, I read the conclusion from my notes and instead of saying my closure, I said thank you. Causing a very abrupt ending. There were many things wrong with my speech, my notecards were brief but poorly written, some being too small, and others being too sloppy to effectively read. Before the speech I had made fantastic note cards, they were well written and practiced with. But upon me rushing out the door, I had forgotten my notes and my flash drive that contained my presentation. Next speech I hope to remember these things.

Watching my speech taught me many things, I learned my posture I discussed earlier, I also found that I tend to talk very fast causing me to stutter. I noticed how unorganized I was with my note cards. But thankfully I also found some strengths, I tend to have good enthusiasm in my voice as I speak, and if I can slow down my voice is loud and clear. To prepare for future speeches, I hope to practice more and be more familiar with note cards and PowerPoint. Watching my speech has been very good for my future preparation on speeches.