

Speech

Introduction

Speech is a medium of putting forward one's views on a subject in front of an audience.

FORMAT

You may write your speech in three paragraphs. It should include a title, opening line(s), middle (or main) paragraph and the concluding paragraph.

Opening lines begin with addressing the listeners and introducing the topic of the speech.

(Example: Respected principal, teachers and my dear friends. Today, I have received an opportunity to express my views on the topic "Conservation of Wild Life".)

Middle paragraph or the main paragraph may include the following:

- A discussion on the main issues of the topic.
- One's own views on the topic.
- Use of idioms, proverbs or quotations to base one's argument.
- A few points based on the pros and cons of the given subject.

Concluding paragraph may answer the key problem or issue addressed in the speech or suggest measures to curb the problem. Please remember that your speech should end with a closing note like "I thank you for listening with patience," etc.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. The arguments should not be based on wrong information.
2. The arguments should be to-the-point and well structured.
3. Ideally, your speech should be written in 100-120 words.
4. Marks may be deducted for grammatical errors and mistakes in the spellings and punctuation marks.

Water, Water Everywhere, Not a Drop to Drink

Q. Your school has conducted a speech competition on the occasion of World Water Day. Write a speech, as a competitor, on the topic 'Water, Water Everywhere, Not a Drop to Drink'.

- **Life**
- **Water shortage**
- **Unfit of consumption**
- **Ocean water**
- **Glaciers**
- **Conserve water**

Answer:

Water, Water Everywhere, Not a Drop to Drink

Good morning to one and all. Today, I shall express my views on the problem of water scarcity on the occasion of World Water Day.

Water is life. But, less than one percent of the earth's water is fresh water, available for human consumption. The entire world has to quench its thirst only with this meager water. Thus, water shortage is only natural.

Despite this, we use water injudiciously. Mismanagement, corruption, overuse, pollution, etc. are some factors that have intensified the problem.

If this situation continues, very soon, we will be left with no drinking water and our survival would become precarious. Water will be there, in the oceans, in abundance but we would not be able to drink it. It is high time we woke up to the situation and took necessary steps towards conservation of water.

I thank you for your valuable time.

Save Electricity

Q. The irregular supply of electricity is affecting you a lot. You talk to your father about it. He reveals the need for the conservation of electricity. You decide to write a speech on the topic 'Save Electricity', using the idea your father gave you.

Answer:

Save Electricity

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Today, I take this opportunity to help remind ourselves the importance of conservation of electrical energy.

As we all know that global warming is an issue of immediate import. Conservation of electricity is a huge step towards reduction of carbon output and, consequently, towards keeping a check on global warming. Everybody can in their own small ways contribute towards this. All they need to do is switching off the computers, the monitors, lights, fans, etc., when not in use. Moreover, this is also a prudent and economically sensible act considering the continuous price hike over the years. Turning towards solar energy for daily purposes can help to a great extent in saving electricity. Solar energy can be used to light our houses, to recharge the solar powered batteries, etc.

Every small effort put together will help us save the earth from the big looming dangers. I end my speech with a promise, on behalf of all present here, to protect our Planet Earth in whatever ways we can.

Thank you.

Teacher's Day Function

Q. Your school is celebrating the teacher's day. Write a welcome speech for the 'Teacher's day function'. Thank the teachers and acknowledge their efforts in 120-150 words.

Answer:

Teacher's Day Function

Good morning everyone. I welcome you all on the occasion of teacher's day.

Teachers' day is celebrated to show gratitude towards the people who live their present to shape up the future of the country. There is no profession nobler than teaching. The efforts our teachers make towards educating and imparting knowledge to us is commendable. Teachers have always been the role models for their students. We learn those aspects of life from our teachers which are important for living a disciplined and enlightened life. We value your commitment to make a difference in our lives and pledge to make your efforts fruitful.

In order to salute the selfless souls like our teachers, we are putting up a few programmes on stage. I hope we are able to portray our love and gratitude for them, through these programmes.

Thank you.

Let the Earth Breathe

Q. You have been selected for a speech competition on Environment Day. Write a speech, as a competitor, on the topic 'Let The Earth Breathe'.

Answer:

Let the Earth Breathe

Good morning everybody. Today, I shall speak on the topic, "Let the Earth Breathe".

We show respect and reverence towards the earth and call it our Mother, who provides us with everything we need. But, we have proven ourselves to be unworthy children of a caring mother. The large scale exploitation of the natural resources and increased interference with the workings of Nature have made the earth bleed. We have deprived her of her covering by chopping off the trees. The smoke and dust from our vehicles and factories have almost choked her to death. We have burdened her with over-population and unrestricted urbanization. The wastes from our houses and factories have reduced her fertility.

If this sorry state of affairs continues, we will render our earth incapable of sustaining any life form. How can we humans be so unscrupulous so as to rob our mother earth of all her wealth? We must let her breathe.

I thank you for listening with patience.

Commonwealth Games in Delhi

Q. Write a speech for the morning assembly on the topic 'Commonwealth Games in Delhi'.

Answer:

Commonwealth Games in Delhi

A very good morning to all of you. Today, I am here to express my views on the Commonwealth Games that were organised in Delhi in 2010.

Delhi was the proud host of the 2010 Commonwealth Games. It was the biggest multi-sport event ever hosted by India. Seventy two nations competed for medals in seventeen games. Government spent huge amounts of money to develop the necessary infrastructure for the games. 'Games villages' were formed at various sites all over Delhi. Stadiums were revamped. Cleaning and beautification drives were carried out. All the necessary steps were taken for the successful organisation of the event.

Finally, the games turned out to be a grand success. Besides being beneficial for an overall economic development of the country, they enhanced our reputation in the

world. These games were also a big boost to sports and sport facilities in India, which until now were in a very sorry state.

I thank you for listening with patience.

Protection of Endangered Animals

Q. Write a speech for the morning assembly on how we can protect endangered animals.

Answer:

Protection of Endangered Animals

Good morning to everyone. I am here to express my views on the topic 'Protection of Endangered Animals'.

The extinction of any species is a loss to the ecology and biodiversity of the world. Species become extinct in the absence of the conditions necessary for survival. Changes in soil pattern, climate and water availability are some natural factors that may cause extinction. However, more than these, it is the man-made circumstances that are instrumental in the extinction of endemic species. Hunting and poaching is common for meat, skin, ivory, fur, etc. Often, economic interests take precedence over the lives of animals.

Efforts made by governments and wildlife enthusiasts to preserve endangered species have clearly not been enough. Hunters and poachers often find ways to dodge the authorities. Therefore, more efforts are required from all of us to safeguard the fauna, which is an integral part of our planet.

I thank you for your valuable time.

Increasing Number of Textbooks for Students

Q. Write a speech for the morning assembly on the increasing number of textbooks for students.

Answer:

Increasing Number of Textbooks for Students

Respected principal, teachers and my dear friends. Today, I stand here to voice my concerns on the increasing number of textbooks for students.

The weight of a schoolbag has increased unbearably with time. Cut-throat competition and the race for marks have changed the entire meaning of education. Now, education has acquired the status of a mugging-up exercise. This system has led to an increase in the number of books prescribed by teachers and crammed by students.

Do we really know where our education system is leading us? In my opinion, education should also be able to make a student aware about the ground realities of life and groom him/her to become a better human being. It is not the number of books that should matter, but the wisdom in them that is taught to us.

I thank you for listening patiently to my views.

Poverty and Unemployment

Q. Write a speech for the morning assembly on the topic 'Poverty and Unemployment'.

Answer:

Poverty and Unemployment

Good morning everyone. Today, I am here to voice my concerns about poverty and unemployment.

Poverty and unemployment are two mutually exclusive, yet co-related attributes, that profoundly affect India's growth. Unemployment breeds poverty, as no work means no income. Nearly twenty- six percent of India's population survives below the poverty line. Similarly, around thirty- one percent of the Indians are unemployed. India is a developing country, but this development is not inclusive. A large portion of its population is still struggling for survival. Over-population, unaccountability, lack of sufficient resources, misappropriation of funds, etc. are some reasons behind the failure to tackle these issues even after 60 years of independence.

Effective measures should be adopted and the government should make sure that these two problems are a focus of all five-year plans. Development should percolate down to the lowest levels in order to realize the dream of a developed India with all inclusive growth.

I thank you for your patience and valuable time.

Cancer – a Silent Killer

Q. Write a speech on cancer for the morning assembly.

Answer:

Cancer – a Silent Killer

Good morning, friends. Today, on the occasion of 'World Health Day', I would like speak about "Cancer – a Silent Killer". It is one of the deadliest diseases known to mankind.

Cancer refers to any malignant growth or tumour caused by abnormal and uncontrolled cell division. Deaths due to many types of cancers are constantly on a rise. However, medical science is still far from a sure shot cure for cancer. Research, thus far, has enabled medics to control cancer, but only if diagnosed at an early stage. Hence, the solution, as of now, lies in prevention.

People must be educated about the causes and symptoms of the disease. Also, extra efforts must be made by the government to make health facilities available to the poor. Scientific research should be vigorously pursued in order to find a cure as early as possible. Only then, we will be able to prevent this silent killer from taking more lives.

I thank you for listening to my views with patience.

Futility of Beauty Contests

Q. Write a speech for the morning assembly on the topic 'Futility of Beauty Contests'.

Answer:

Futility of Beauty Contests

Respected principal, teachers and my dear friends. A very good morning to all of you. Today, I stand before you to express my views on "Futility of Beauty Contests".

Beauty pageants judge the beauty of a woman. But, in my opinion, beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder. Then, how valid is the notion of a contest for judging 'beauty' and that too at such a large scale? In a country like India where the poor struggle to survive, so much of money is being spent on such futile activities. If this money had been spent for the betterment of the society and for the creation of infrastructure facilities, India would have achieved the status of a developed nation long ago.

In the end, I would like to say that government must channelise resources for the upliftment of the downtrodden instead of investing in such extravagance.

I thank you for your patience and valuable time.