

COMM 111Z: PUBLIC SPEAKING

“Tell Me About Yourself” Speech

At some point, be it from a potential employer, a date, a stranger, or someone you’re trying to impress, you will hear four terrifying words: tell me about yourself. This speech is your opportunity to perfect a 60-second summary of who you are—your **personal pitch**.

Your pitch should effectively introduce you, feel authentic as a presentation of who you are, and leave a memorable impression on the given audience. Think of it as a snapshot of your goals, passions, and personality. This skill will prove invaluable for interviews, interpersonal communication, networking, and everyday interactions beyond the classroom.

Some elements your brief speech might include:

- **Who You Are:** Is there something specific about you the audience should be aware of?
- **What You Do:** Being a student counts, but what do you hope to do someday? Do you have a “side hustle” you’re already working on?
- **What Excites You:** What gets you out of bed in the morning? What are you looking forward to doing in the near future?
- **Memorability:** This doesn’t need to be grand, but you want to leave a first impression that resonates.

For this assignment, no formal outline is required. You will be graded based on the following:

- **Content (10 points):** Should appropriately address the “tell me about yourself” inquiry. The audience should feel like they know you at least somewhat better after 60 seconds.
- **Organization (5 points):** Your speech should follow logical flow without jumping around and should be easy to follow.
- **Delivery (10 points):** You should maintain good eye contact, appropriate gestures, speak clearly, and present some essence of confidence. You’re telling us about the person you know best; how you present it should reflect that.