Homework Assignment: Effective Speaking

Instructions: In this assignment, you will practice and apply the principles of effective speaking discussed in the lecture. Choose one of the following scenarios and create a speech or presentation addressing the audience given the specific context. Your speech should demonstrate your understanding of effective speaking techniques, vocal variety, visual aids, and audience adaptation. Keep the speech within the suggested time limit and aim to convey your message clearly and persuasively.

- Scenario 1: You are the team leader of a project in your workplace. Your task is to present the project's progress and plans to the company's management team during a monthly meeting. The audience comprises senior executives, managers, and stakeholders.
- Scenario 2: You are a high school student running for student council president. You will deliver a speech to your fellow students during an assembly to persuade them to vote for you. The audience consists of your peers, teachers, and school staff.
- <u>Scenario 3</u>: You are a member of a community organization advocating for environmental conservation. You will be speaking at a public event, such as a town hall meeting or community gathering, to raise awareness about the importance of sustainability and encourage people to take action. The audience includes residents of your town or community.

Suggested Guidelines:

- Deliver a speech of 3 minutes in length.
- Use vocal variety, such as varying your tone, pitch, and pace, to engage the audience.
- Incorporate appropriate visual aids, such as slides, charts, or graphics, to support your key points.
- Adapt your message and language to suit the audience's interests, knowledge, and needs.
- Make sure to clearly state the purpose of your speech and effectively convey your main ideas.
- Practice your speech beforehand to ensure smooth delivery and time management.

Submission:

Submit a video recording of your speech or presentation along with a brief reflection (PDF) on your experience in applying the principles of effective speaking. Reflect on what you learned from the assignment and any challenges you faced during the process.

Note:

- Instead of submitting the video to Blackboard, you can also upload your video to a web-based service (i.e., YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) and include the link in your report.
- If submit video to Blackboard, it must be runnable by VLC software (https://www.videolan.org/vlc/)
- Ensure the audio and visual quality are clear for proper evaluation.