

# Speech

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## 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.

## Importance of Discipline

**Q. In a school function, the students of your school did not behave well. You have been asked to write a speech to emphasise the need for discipline. Write the speech using within 120-150 words.**

**Answer:**

### Importance of Discipline

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. This morning, I would like to briefly express the importance of discipline in our daily lives.

Sir Smith had said, "Discipline is the refining fire by which talent becomes ability". Indeed, discipline and certain other codes of conduct are the keys to success. Following a set pattern of rules does not mean strangling the neck of talent and ambition. Self-discipline and self-control are qualities that one has to inculcate, nurture and cherish from early childhood. Being disciplined helps in the overall development of one's personality. It helps in achieving one's goals and in becoming a responsible person. Discipline enables one to distinguish between the good and the bad in the school, the surroundings, the family and in the society.

Thus, I would like to end this speech with the hope that each one of us present here would try to inculcate this quality and contribute to making this world a better place to live in.

Thank you.

### Health and Medicine

**Q. As the principal of your school, write a speech on 'health and medicines'. Use the ideas given in the following chart.**

Health	Medicine
• Overall development	• Used in illness
• Exercise	• Dependency
• Sleep	• Doctor's prescription
• Positive attitude	

**Answer:**

## Health and Medicine

Good morning dear teachers and students. Today, I want to share my views on health and medicine.

It is said that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body. By the word 'health', we mean the overall well being of an individual: physical, psychological and spiritual. To maintain good health, one should exercise regularly, take adequate sleep, follow a balanced diet, drink lots of water and maintain a positive attitude towards life. However, even after following all these rules, we may be affected with diseases. Medicines come to our rescue at such times. But, one must consult a doctor before taking any medicine. There are many people who consider medicine as the only solution to their health problems, thus developing a dependency on them.

It is important to understand that though health and medicine go hand in hand, the former is not always dependent on the latter.

Thank you.

## The Ill Effects of Video Games

**Q. You have been a video game lover for a long time. Recently, you have started developing many health related problem due to your obsession. You decide to let your school mates know about the ill effects of video games. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly.**

**Answer:**

### The Ill Effects of Video Games

Good morning to our Principal, teachers and my fellow students. Today, I stand before you to share my views on the ill effect of playing video games.

Video games have become a very common source of entertainment. Undoubtedly, they add to the insight and presence of mind of young kids. However, their negative impacts surpass any positivity attached to them. Virtual reality becomes an addiction besides affecting the health of those who play video games in an unregulated manner. Weakened eyesight, nausea, etc, are a few common effects. They also damage the capability of social interaction in kids. Sometimes they also promote violence; affecting the naïve minds of the kids. They replace outdoor games and children prefer to sit back at home. This leads to lack of exercise, which is an important part of a child's development.

I would like to end by saying that a perfect balance must be maintained between video games, studies and outdoor games, so that the development of a child is not deficient in any aspect.

Thank you.

## **Nuclear Families and Their Impact**

**Q. Your father has been fighting with your grandmother every day. Now, he has decided to move out of the house, taking your mother and you along. You feel bad and decide to give a speech on the topic nuclear families and their impact. Write this speech in 120-150 words.**

**Answer:**

### **Nuclear Families and Their Impact**

Respected teachers and my dear friends. Today, I stand before you to share my views on the impacts of a nuclear family.

Difference in ideologies and the want of privacy often guide people to a nuclear family setup. A major impact of such an arrangement is noticed on children and the aged. While children fail to imbibe values and tend to grow lonely, the elderly are treated as liability and they lead a life of helplessness and solitude in their old age. People need to understand that the way we treat our family members affects the way in which we get treated by them. Moreover, the children of our families learn from and ape their parents. If our parents do not respect our grandparents and live in a nuclear family then how can they expect us not to follow their example?

I would like to end my speech by emphasising that a communion must be established between all the members of the family so that they can live comfortably together.

Thank you.

## **Unscrupulous Ways to Become Rich**

**Q. You saw a movie where a person uses unscrupulous ways to become rich. Write a speech in 120-150 words on this issue. Use the given notes.**

Materialistic world

Greed

Bribery

Corruption

Evil

**Answer:**

### Unscrupulous Ways to Become Rich

Good morning everyone. Recently I watched a movie where a person uses unscrupulous and immoral ways to become rich. Today I would like to express my views on this very issue; how the world is gradually growing materialistic and the value of money is increasing.

Often, in order to remove the difference between what we have and what we want, we tend to use dishonest ways. Bribery and corruption are just a few ways which help a person earn black money. There are people who work diligently to fulfil their wants. However, the moment they let their needs be overpowered by their greed, they get entangled in a vicious web: they fall in the hands of evil and go to any extent to be rich.

In the end, I would just like to emphasise that by understanding our moral responsibility, we can still walk on the ethically correct path.

Thank you.

### 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Conserve water</b></li></ul>
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**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.

## 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.