

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.

Is CCE Better than Board Exams?

Q. The recent changes in the evaluation system of education are a hot topic of discussion. Your principal decides to address the topic in the school assembly. Write a speech for her. The topic is: 'Is CCE better than board exams?'

Answer:

Is CCE Better than Board Exams?

Good morning teachers and my dear students. Today, I would like to address the question whether CCE or Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation is better than board exams.

As we know major changes have been brought about in our education system. The new scheme of education brings a whole new picture to the traditional education system. It aims to divide the syllabus into two semesters, thereby reducing the burden and mental pressure on students. Promoting comprehensive study, the new system would lead to improved performance of the students.

Besides academic help, it introduces grade system which evaluates important qualities like teamwork, innovation, behaviour, etc. This would help in the development of the overall personality of students. However, there are some disadvantages in this system, which include the difficulties it poses in the marking system and the over-engagement of students in projects. Nonetheless, I think students are going to reap the benefits of this change eventually.

Thank you.

Television Commercials and Children

Q. You are deeply affected by the negative impact of television commercials on children. You decide to give a speech in your school assembly. Write this speech using the following notes.

- Children imitate
- Promote smoking etc.
- No censor
- Bad habits
- obesity

Answer:

Television Commercials and Children

Good morning to our Principal, teachers and my dear friends. I stand before you to deliver a small speech on the harmful effects that television commercials can have on young children.

Every program on the TV has commercial breaks. Many of these advertisements and commercials have adverse affects on children. Young children often take the things shown on TV to be real. For example, they may try to imitate the stunts presented in the motorcycle commercials. Some advertisements might seem to promote smoking, drugs, alcohol, etc. To check the correct form of projection, concerned authority needs to censor the ads. Again, clever and striking rendering often attract children to unhealthy food. Many children turn obese due to the bad habits encouraged by such commercials.

It is important to realize that screening is not really possible when it comes to advertisements. Hence, an overall check has to be done. All commercials should be made keeping in mind the children viewership.

Thank you.

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.

Global Warming

Q. You have been selected for a speech competition on Environment Day. Using the ideas given in the following chart, together with your own ideas, write a speech on 'Global warming'.

Atmospheric temperature	Deforestation
Greenhouse effect	Natural calamity
Melting ice	Power consumption

Answer:

Global Warming

Good evening everyone. Today, on the occasion of Environment Day, I would like to present a few points on one of the burning environmental issues of the day: Global Warming.

Global Warming refers to the increase in earth's atmospheric temperature due to greenhouse effect. The increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is the main cause behind this. Consequently, the ice from the poles has started to melt at an alarming rate. If this continues, the water level on earth may increase and submerge the land. Another major cause of global warming is deforestation. Species that depend on one another may become out of sync.

Natural calamities and disasters would occur more frequently and with more destructive power. Severe heat waves would lead to death of millions of people around the world.

It is high time we understood the implications and took steps to curb this issue. We need to keep a check on our power consumption and on our contributions to the increase in the atmospheric temperature.

Thank you.

Offering Money to Beggars Should Not Be Promoted

Q. Your mother is deeply affected by the increase in beggars in your locality. She asks you to use this as a topic in your inter-school speech competition. Write a speech on 'offering money to beggars should not be promoted'. Use the given notes.

- Lack of self motivation
- Reduces efficiency

- **Fulfils unnecessary wants**
- **Begging is banned**

Answer:

Offering Money to Beggars Should Not Be Promoted

Good morning judges, teachers and friends. Today I would like to put across my views on the social evil that is begging.

Begging symbolises lack of self-motivation. In India, we find that deprived people often resort to begging rather than working. Every person possesses some skill that they can utilise in order to earn their living. Begging reduces this efficiency as it gives an easy way out. Besides this, while offering money, one does not know whether a beggar is in genuine need or is he just trying to befool the people.

One does not know whether the money given to them is actually used for constructive purposes or merely to fulfil unnecessary wants. In terms of economy, money given to beggars does not count in the growth of the country.

In various countries, begging is banned as people who are unable to earn are provided aid by the government.

In my opinion, self-respect must be one's priority and one must not, under any circumstances, look up to someone else for his sustenance.

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.

Deteriorating Condition of Indian Roads

Q. You visit your hometown and are deeply affected by the condition of the roads there. After returning you surf internet and collect the following data. Write a speech using the given data, together with your own ideas, to describe the deteriorating condition of Indian roads.

Total roads - 2 million kilometres
Surface roads - 960,000 kilometres
Poorly constructed roads - 1 million kilometres

Answer:

Deteriorating Condition of Indian Roads

Good morning respected teachers and my dear friends. Today, I stand before you to share my views on the deteriorating condition of the Indian roads.

A study reveals that Indian roads stretch to about 2 million kilometres. Unfortunately, only 960,000 kilometres constitute the 'surface roads' and about 1 million kilometres of roads are poorly constructed. Primary reasons for the deteriorating condition of Indian roads are the usage of low quality material for building roads, poor geometrics and insufficient pavement thickness. Such conditions lead to a lot of accidents and mishaps, especially during monsoon. Moreover, heavily loaded vehicles such as trucks, dumpers, etc. make the poorly-constructed roads give way.

However, with proper efforts such mishaps can be checked. Potholes on the road, fading of road signs, overgrown trees and plants are some of the problems that must be taken care of. Also, road safety must be given due importance by the government and care should be taken to use good quality materials with proper measurements.

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.

Problems Faced Due to Insanitary Conditions

Q. Write a speech on "Problems faced due to insanitary conditions", using the ideas given below.

Causes:

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- Poverty
- Water shortage
- Wastage disposal
- Polythene
- Lack of awareness

Problems:

- Litter on roads
- Blocked drainage system
- Water logging
- Pathogens
- Flies

Answer:

Good afternoon everybody. I would like to take this opportunity to express my views on the problems faced due to insanitary conditions.

Poverty, over-population, shortage of water, unavailability of proper wastage disposal system, lack of civic sense and awareness among people are some of the main causes behind the prevailing insanitary conditions.

One should not litter on roads; polythene bags often cause blockage of drains. Water-logging, overflowing water and choked drainage system expose us to the risk of pathogens and infectious mosquitoes. Decaying matter of the garbage dumps not only emit foul odour but is also a site of hovering flies.

Joint efforts of the individuals, the society in general and the government are required to improve the situation. Government should take steps for regular cleaning of roads and public dustbins. Citizens must be responsible enough not to pollute the public spaces. Cleanliness helps us to keep away from the diseases caused by such insanitary and unhealthy conditions. After all, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness".

Thank you.

Wildlife Conservation

Q. Over the last few decades, extinction of wildlife has accelerated due to increased human interference. Write a speech for the morning assembly on how we can help in wildlife conservation.

(Source: CBSE)

Answer:

Wildlife Conservation

Good morning to our Principal, teachers and my fellow students. Today, I would like to draw your attention to the significance of wildlife conservation.

Activities of mankind are the primary cause behind the extinction of animals. Deforestation, construction, etc. cause destructive changes to the environment leading to a loss of habitat.

Besides that, unregulated hunting and poaching have also led to these extinctions. Animals often find it difficult to adjust to climatic changes caused by pollution. For example, some time back, sparrows were on the verge of getting extinct due to ill suited climate change.

It is imperative for man to understand that his actions have adverse affects on the biodiversity of the planet. He needs to understand that wildlife needs to be conserved, not only for humane reasons but also for the sake of the environment and that of his own. Governments and NGOs can come forward and take the necessary steps towards the conservation of wildlife.

Thank you.