

# Advanced Public Speaking

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## Week 1: The Introduction Speech

Because this is Advanced Public Speaking, this type of speech should be super easy for you! But, let's add some fun to this speech. Let's try to not do the regular introduction speech. Let's add something to it. So, go ahead and state the basics (name, age, hobbies, etc.), but add something exciting and fun to your speech. The total speech time should be 3–5 minutes in length, so you have plenty of time to tell a great story. You could tell about a time you were super embarrassed, or you could tell about an incredible gift you received, or an awesome vacation you went on. You choose! Present this speech to friends and family and get their reactions.

I want you to create a speaking outline for this speech. Let's briefly review what your speaking outline should look like. Remember, your speaking outline is different than your formal outline of your speech. Your speaking outline is used as your notes during the speech. Because of that, there really isn't a set format like you would have in a formal outline. You are free to use whatever outline format you wish. Just remember to keep everything in order!

Here's a short sample that you can use if you'd like:

- I. Introduction
  - a. Attention Getter: I have broken my nose twice!
  - b. Basic Information about myself
    - i. Name
    - ii. Age
    - iii. Hometown
- II. Body of Speech
  - a. Sporting Achievements
    - i. Soccer
      - 1. Teams I play for
      - 2. Awards
    - ii. Baseball
      - 1. Teams I play for
      - 2. Awards
  - b. Church Achievements
    - i. Youth Group
      - 1. Tell funny story about spilling drinks at concession stand fundraiser
      - 2. Raising money for mission trip
    - ii. Mission Trip
  - c. Family
    - i. Parents
      - 1. Dad's job
      - 2. Mom's job

- ii. Siblings
    - 1. Brothers
      - a. Tell story about how all the brothers are very protective of our little sister
      - b. Talk about the time she was bullied
    - 2. Sister
  - iii. Pets
    - 1. Dog
    - 2. Lizards
- III. Conclusion
- a. What I want to be when I grow up
  - b. College I want to attend
  - c. Family life I want to have

Remember, the above is just a sample. You do not have to use this format. I just wanted to give you an example.

Even though you think you may not use public speaking in your everyday life, you will find yourself having to introduce yourself to people. This assignment is great practice for those occasions. So, instead of telling your audience the same old information that everyone else is using, you can always spice up your introduction with an exciting story. This assignment will give you a chance to experiment with that idea. Remember, we always want to leave our audience remembering our speech. By always adding something “extra” to your speech, you will leave your audience with a smile on their faces!