

Persuasive Speech



Level:

Beginner-Intermediate, can be adapted for higher levels



Objectives:

The student will be able to demonstrate their communication skills, practice performing a speech, summarize their thoughts on a topic in a persuasive format, and practice vocabulary words.



Timing

10-15 minutes



Prep/

Materials:

- Provide 3-4 debate questions to the student in advance of the activity
- Student should prepare talking points for each question in advance



Breakdown:

1. Introduce the assignment and set expectations for student. Provide them with 3 or 4 debate-style questions and ask them to prepare a few talking points to defend their position. This initial piece can be done as homework, make sure to customize the questions to your student's specific interests!
 - Florida has some of the best beaches in the US– do you agree or disagree?
 - If you had to choose between watching American Football or Soccer for the rest of your life, which would you choose? Why?
 - Do you prefer to watch movies or tv shows? Why do you prefer over the other?
 - Which country has the best food had? Defend your position.
2. Ask your student one of the questions and have them speak on the topic for a full 3 minutes. They should use their prepared talking points but most importantly, fill up the whole 3 minutes!
 - Their argument should begin with a clear position statement
 - They should convey their own opinions and any opposing views
 - Have the student wrap up by reemphasizing their main argument
3. To add more difficulty, give the student specific vocabulary or grammar requirements to include in their argument.