

SPOKEN ENGLISH

2023



THE TASK

- 3-5 minutes
- Topic of your choice
- Focus on Spoken English
- NO PowerPoints
- A few visual aids

EXAMPLE TOPICS

- Werewolves
- My annoying sister
- If I ruled the world
- Thinking outside the box
- Social media
- Hidden messages in logos
- Body Image
- Equality

HEATS AND THE FINAL

- Heats in front of your class- 20th November
- Final on 8th December



VOICE

- Clarity of voice - does the person speak clearly/do they mumble?
- Diction - manner of speaking/choice of words – do you get a clear picture/idea of what they are speaking about from words chosen?
- Volume - does this person speak in an appropriate volume given the size of the room/number of people listening?

PRESENTATION

- Does this person give good eye contact or do they look down too much?
- Does this person look around at their audience, trying to include everybody, or do they look at just one person?

STYLE/ CONTENT

- Does this person present their speech in an interesting way, using voice/visual aids/hands/body movement etc which significantly helps the listener understand/enjoy their talk?
- Is the talk engaging? Interesting? Appropriate for the audience.

JUDGING



How to Make Cue Cards

- ❖ Have 1 main heading or idea per card
- ❖ Clearly write using large font (so you can easily read them)
- ❖ Have plenty of white space around each word or phrase to help them stand out
- ❖ Use bullet points or numbers to put your ideas in order

TIPS

- Pick a topic you're interested in
- Write the whole thing out
- Turn it into cue cards
- Practice
- Practice some more
- Think about your body/ hands/eye contact
- Practice
- Don't over-use pictures (or at all)





GOOD LUCK!