

Spoken English

This week we are launching the Spoken English competition.

All children in years 5 and 6 take part in this event which is an opportunity for them to develop the skill of speaking in front of an audience.

The heats, which is when each child presents their talk to the class, will take place the **week beginning the 18th November**.

Therefore, you have plenty of time to prepare for this event.

Below are the steps you need to take in order to be ready for the heats:



1. **Choose a topic** - make it something you are going to enjoy talking about. It can be about a hobby or interest, place you have visited (or would like to) or a subject or issue you think is worth talking about!
2. **Plan the content** of your talk. It will need an introduction, main section and a good conclusion which will leave your audience wanting more...!
3. **Carry out research** in order to fill your talk with interesting and engaging details.
4. **Write your talk out or use cue cards to write key words and phrases** - how you do this is up to you. It will be best if you are able to present the talk without reading the whole thing out.
5. **Think carefully about any props or resources you might use to support your talk.** These need to be a good size for everyone in your audience to be able to see. They should also only be used if they enhance what you are speaking about. Please note, you are not allowed to use a computer to present your talk - this means **NO POWERPOINTS!**
6. **Practice delivering your talk.** It needs to be 3 to 5 minutes in length.

This is a link to the video we watched in assembly about Spoken English

<https://vimeo.com/657369761/a344f31381>

These steps don't need to be done all in one go. You have nearly 6 weeks to get this organised and we will be working on some presenting skills in class to give you more confidence with this.

Spoken English Planning
Criteria and prompts for Planning



1. Voice:

- a) Clarity of voice- does the person speak clearly or do they mumble?
- b) Diction- manner of speaking and choice of words. Do you get a clear picture/ idea of what they are talking about? Have they chosen vocabulary carefully and explained terms?
- c) Volume- is their voice at an appropriate volume for the group of people listening and size of room?
- d) Tone- does the person speak in a lively/engaging tone? Does their tone vary or is it monotone?

2. Presentation:

- a) Is there good eye contact or do they look down to read too often?
- b) Do they look around the audience to include everyone or do they just look at a few people?
- c) Do they speak in an interested, confident, positive way and smile occasionally?

3. Style:

- a) Does the person present their speech in an interesting way?
- b) Do they use visual aids, voice, hands gestures, movement etc, which helps the listener understand and enjoy their talk?
- c) Do they surprise or challenge the audience? Is humour used? Have they thought about an interesting opening or ending?