



Mini-Speeches

Time allocation: 2-3 minutes

From time to time, we include various mini-speeches into the agenda. These are short speeches formatted with an introduction, body and conclusion. With the short timeframe, it is suggested to have only 1-2 main points in the body of the speech.

In a short speech, the use of your voice, gestures and use of space becomes more important...you want to make the biggest impact you can in a short amount of time.

Vocal Variety - giving yourself the opportunity to change the volume, speed, and tonality of your voice.

Gestures - use purposeful gestures to paint your words into reality. Remember, if you are not using your hands to gesture, keep them to your side.

Use of Space - you can use the stage area to spatially mark out things such as different points of your speech, characters, and time. If you have room to move, use it and bring your speech to life!

The following is an outline of the most common mini-speeches:

Movies/Book Review

This mini-speech about a book or movie you would like to share. It is *not* a book report – instead of telling us the plot or story, share one or two highlights you received from it. This should be delivered in a speech format with an introduction, body and conclusion.

Humorous Story

As the name suggests, this mini-speech is aimed at humour. The topic can be anything at all, and should be delivered in a speech format with an introduction, body and conclusion – just interspersed with humour!

Inspirational Speech

Inspirational and motivational speaking has its own elements. In this mini-speech you will use your words, voice and gestures to create an inspirational speech. This should be delivered in a speech format with an introduction, body and conclusion.

My Point of View

You have a point of view about many things, and we want to know! You can choose any topic for this speech- some people choose something related to the theme of the day (found on the meeting roster and agenda). This should be delivered in a speech format with an introduction, body and conclusion.

My Meeting Highlights

This mini-speech gives you the opportunity to think on your feet and create a speech quickly. Choose one or two main highlights from the meeting and share these – ask yourself the question “what will I take away from this meeting and why?”. **This is not a meeting review-** but a speech formatted with an introduction, body and conclusion. You will deliver this speech near the end of the meeting.

Rant

A rant is a highly emotionally charged (and yet controlled!) statement. In this mini-speech you will choose a topic you are passionate about and present a speech outlining your stance and a few reasons to support your position. This should be delivered in a speech format with an introduction, body and conclusion.