

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SPEECH

TIME: 3 – 5 minutes

SPEAKING NOTES: Use key words or phrases on 3x5 notecards.

SOURCE OF INFO: Use your own personal experience. *Outline your speech:* Prepare a detailed & complete sentence preparation outline. It must be typewritten or word processed. Turn the outline in just prior to giving your speech.

VISUAL AIDS: None required

PURPOSE OF A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SPEECH:

You take a step forward in your speaking experience when you present a speech of personal experience, especially to entertain. It still requires a definite preparation and interesting presentation. You should learn the importance of these two requirements. Aside from becoming acquainted with these aspects of speech making, you should feel increased confidence and poise as a result of this speech experience. Your ease before the group will improve noticeably. By giving your best to this speech you will achieve a creditable improvement and desirable personal satisfaction.

EXPLANATION OF A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SPEECH:

A speech of personal experience may be one of any four basic types: it may be given to (1) inform, (2) stimulate or arouse, (3) convince, (4) entertain. The purpose of your remarks will be to entertain, stimulate, or arouse. If you want to tell of funny or amusing personal experiences you will plan to entertain your listeners. You should study and plan the speech carefully. This is a speech that really requires of you – good, thorough preparation. You must know the order in which you plan to tell of your experiences. You will need to know what words you will use. This does not mean to memorize!! ****DO NOT MEMORIZE THIS SPEECH OR ANY OTHER YOU DELIVER IN THIS CLASS****

Unlimited occasions for a speech of personal experience occur at all kinds of meetings – such as before school assemblies, clubs, business meetings, religious gatherings, and other groups. You have probably heard such a speech from a war veteran, a war correspondent, from a missionary, a newspaper reporter, a great athlete, or from a person like yourself who tells what has happened to him.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR A SPEECH OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE:

1. A wreck, or some disaster
2. Falling through ice
3. An embarrassing moment
4. A visit to a famous place
5. A camping experience
6. A bitter disappointment
7. An exciting or memorable moment
8. Something that motivated a crucial decision
9. A humorous incident
10. A sports event