

# DEMONSTRATION SPEECH

**Assignment:** Present a 5-minute demonstration speech to the class.

## WHAT IS IT?

A demonstration speech is an informative speech in which a speaker presents step-by-step directions to an audience about how to do or how to make something. The speaker carefully demonstrates every step of the process. The information the speaker presents is enhanced by the speaker's use of visual aids and movements and gestures.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS SPEECH?

- Demonstration of a process that lasts 4-5 min.
- A typed outline for your speech
- A handout to be distributed to your classmates – this can include the basic steps of your process, a recipe (if you are making food), etc.
- Visual aids to use in your demonstration

## HOW DO I SELECT A TOPIC?

- ❖ Choose a topic that interests you and is easy to fulfill the requirements on the rubric—BUT, not so easy that everyone already knows how to do it
- ❖ Select a topic that you can easily provide visual aids.
- ❖ Select a topic that will be relevant and interesting to the majority of your classmates.
- ❖ Avoid obvious or trivial topics. If most people in the audience already know how to do it, then there is no need for you to demonstrate it. (Think: tying your shoes or making a PBJ sandwich)
- ❖ Avoid any topic that is too complicated. If the process cannot be broken down into simple and distinct steps, or would take too much time to demonstrate, pick something else.
- ❖ Avoid any process that cannot be easily demonstrated in our classroom. Consider constraints such as lack of space or equipment.

## Rules for Food Topics:

- ✓ Do not demonstrate how to make something that comes from a box. If it is not a unique, homemade recipe, then don't do it.
- ✓ Must have finished product. (If this is too difficult, then please choose a non-food topic.)
- ✓ While I have limited resources here such as a hot plate, you will be expected to provide all materials for your presentation