

SPEECH

EXAMPLE

You are Aruna Negi. You are very disturbed about the various instances of dowry deaths and cases of harassment reported in the newspapers. Write a speech that you would like to deliver for Classes 10 to 12, highlighting the evils of the dowry system and suggest what could be done to eradicate it from our society.

Dowry - An Evil Practice

Dear friends, we all have at some time or the other read or heard about the negative impact of the dowry system in our country. India got its freedom more than sixty years ago but we have not been freed from the shackles of this heinous system. Incredibly, brave battles have been fought on this land, great discoveries and inventions have been made in this country, but unfortunately little has been done to fight the dowry system.

A victim of dowry abuse is subject to physical harassment and mental trauma. Apathy towards such cases is not only a sign of moral weakness but it also indicates that we are willing to accept and continue with a tradition that we all condemn.

Young people like you and I can make a difference, if we decide to do so. Navneet Kaur of Karnal and Neha Sharma of Noida showed immense courage when they refused to get victimized by the greedy families seeking huge amounts as dowry. They have set examples for others to follow. Even the boys sitting here could help in bringing an end to a tradition that has compelled many a father to run into heavy debts. After all, a future groom could be the father of a daughter tomorrow. Nothing much can be achieved by the mere formation of laws. The laws need to be implemented and the victims have to be brave enough to raise their voices.

I strongly suggest that girls should study well, establish a place for themselves in society and say NO to dowry. Remember, only we can help ourselves in this case and if the young men support us, our generation will triumph over an 'enemy' that our predecessors tried but failed to conquer.

Thank you.