

Public Speaking Basics for Teens

Public Speaking · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the primary purpose of an introduction in a speech?

- A) To confuse the audience
- B) To grab the audience's attention and introduce the topic**
- C) To thank everyone for coming
- D) To quickly state the conclusion

2. When practicing a speech, what is a helpful technique to improve delivery?

- A) Reading it silently to yourself
- B) Memorizing it word-for-word without understanding
- C) Practicing out loud, perhaps in front of a mirror or friends**
- D) Ignoring the audience's reaction

3. What does 'eye contact' mean in public speaking?

- A) Looking only at your notes
- B) Staring at one specific person
- C) Scanning the audience and making brief connections with individuals**
- D) Closing your eyes to concentrate

4. What is a common non-verbal cue that can signal nervousness to an audience?

- A) Smiling broadly
- B) Standing still with good posture
- C) Fidgeting with hands or clothes**
- D) Speaking clearly and at a moderate pace

5. What is the main goal of the conclusion of a speech?

- A) To introduce a new topic
- B) To summarize the main points and leave a lasting impression**
- C) To ask the audience questions they can't answer
- D) To apologize for any mistakes

6. When preparing a speech, what should be done BEFORE writing the content?

- A) Start practicing the delivery
- B) Identify the audience and the purpose of the speech**
- C) Design elaborate visual aids
- D) Memorize the entire speech

7. What does 'pace' refer to in speaking?

- A) The loudness of your voice
- B) The speed at which you speak**
- C) The topic of your speech
- D) The length of your speech

8. What is a 'visual aid' in public speaking?

- A) A story told by the speaker
- B) A chart, image, or prop used to support the speech**
- C) The audience's attention
- D) The speaker's notes

9. Why is it important to speak clearly when giving a speech?

- A) To make the audience feel inadequate
- B) To ensure the audience can understand your message**
- C) To sound more educated
- D) To finish the speech faster

10. What is the term for the group of people listening to a speech?

- A) The speakers
- B) The audience**
- C) The organizers
- D) The critics

11. What is a common pitfall for novice speakers related to their notes?

- A) Not using them at all
- B) Reading them word-for-word without looking up**
- C) Making them too complex
- D) Forgetting to bring them

12. What does 'volume' refer to in speaking?

- A) The speed of your speech
- B) The clarity of your words
- C) The loudness or softness of your voice**
- D) The emotional tone of your speech

13. What is a 'hook' in the introduction of a speech?

- A) A way to end the speech
- B) A phrase or question designed to capture the audience's interest**
- C) A summary of main points
- D) The speaker's personal opinion

14. What is the purpose of 'gestures' in public speaking?

- A) To distract the audience
- B) To add emphasis and expression to your words**
- C) To show you are bored
- D) To hide your hands

15. What should be the primary focus when delivering a speech?

- A) Impressing other speakers
- B) Connecting with and conveying a message to the audience**
- C) Memorizing every single word perfectly
- D) Making the speech as long as possible