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DESCRIBING AN OBJECT OR EVENT

“Speaking” is the delivery of language through the mouth. To speak, we create sounds using many parts of our body, including the lungs, vocal tract, vocal chords, tongue, teeth and lips. This vocalized form of language usually requires at least one listener. When two or more people speak or talk to each other, the conversation is called a “dialogue”. Speech can flow naturally from one person to another in the form of dialogue. It can also be planned and rehearsed, as in the delivery of a speech or presentation. Of course, some people talk to themselves! In fact, some English learners practice speaking standing alone in front of a mirror.

Speaking can be formal or informal:

- Informal speaking is typically used with family and friends, or people you know well.
- Formal speaking occurs in business or academic situations, or when meeting people for the first time.

Speaking is probably the language skill that most language learners wish to perfect as soon as possible. It used to be the only language skill that was difficult to practise online. This is no longer the case. English learners can practise speaking online using voice or video chat. There are occasions where you may find you are expected to speak at a public gathering or social event, and being prepared will require you to plan and prepare the text for this. Here are some steps and tips to help you plan and write a great speech.

1. **Choose your topic.** A good speech is usually about *one* thing. There needs to be one message that matches the occasion for the speech. It should reflect the interests of your audience, the feel of the occasion, and, better yet, have something to say that is relevant. The best speeches have very little to do with argument and more to do with delivery and the heart put into it by the speaker

A speech should be made for a *good reason*: To inspire, to instruct, to rally support, or to lead to action are noble purposes.

2. **Get organized.** Remember that all great speeches require “shape”: the introduction, the stuffings (the body), and the “outro” or conclusion. The old saying is hard to beat for shaping your speech: “*Intro* -- Tell them what you will tell them. *Body* -- Tell them. *Conclusion* -- Tell them what you told them.” That’s exactly how you should think of the structure of your speech.

Tips to Make It Effective

1. Choose your words wisely.
2. Grab their attention
3. Focus on your message.
4. Illustrate



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5. Think in pauses.

Tips for Forming Your Speech

Start off with a strong introduction.

Use inclusive terms for individuals.

Build the body of the speech.

Be aware of your transitions.

End with a firm conclusion.

SPEAKING ABOUT ONE'S PLACE

Key points

Describe a place that you have lived in that you particularly liked.

You should say:

- when you lived there
- who you lived with
- what was most memorable about this place

and explain why you liked living there.

Describe a tourist attraction you have visited that you enjoyed.

You should say:

- what the attraction was
- when you visited it
- what you saw and did there

and explain what you thought of it.

Describe a tourist attraction you would like to visit.

You should say:

- what the attraction is
- what can do and see there
- how you know about it

and explain why you would particularly like to go there.



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Describe the natural features of an area or country that you know.

You should say:

- which area you are going to describe
- what natural features that area has
- what the natural features look like

and explain how you feel about the natural features of that area.

Describe your ideal study room.

You should say:

- where it would be
- what equipment and furniture it would contain
- how it would be decorated

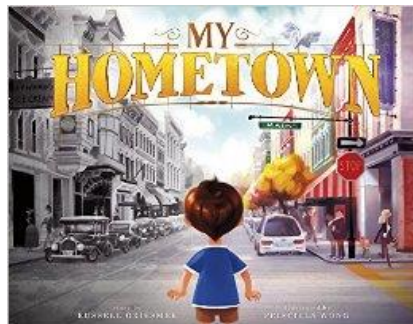
and explain why this is ideal for studying.

Describe a city that you know well.

You should say:

- how big the city is
- what kind of buildings and landmarks it has
- what transportation it has available
- and explain what you particularly like or dislike about this city.

Sample I





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My hometown is Lahore. I was born in Lahore and I like it a lot. Lahore is a very important city in Pakistan because it is the capital city of the largest province in Pakistan. Right now I am living in my hometown and I wish live over here for the rest of my life. Lahore is a very big city with wide and beautiful roads. Lahore is also regarded as the educational hub of Pakistan as there are many educational institutes in Lahore. Lahore also has its significance for the fact that it was a very important city during the Mughal period. People who visit Lahore can easily agree to the fact that it has very rich cultural heritage. There are many gardens, historical buildings and museums in Lahore. Another thing which is very special about Lahore is its food industry, there are many different restaurants which are offering different kinds of food.

I have been to many cities in this world, but still I regard Lahore to be the most beautiful city amongst all. Last month I went to Dubai and everybody knows that how beautiful it is, but still I was keen to return to my hometown. There is so much greenery in Lahore whereas I was not able to find enough in Dubai. I think that beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder. I think I can highlight all the good features of Lahore because it is my city, and that is the reason, I often ignore the good features of other cities in the world.

Web link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4zx3mzSh-0>
<http://www.wikihow.com/Start-a-Good-Conversation>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjI_xTbDjuM
<http://www.succeedsocially.com/endconversations>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ce8u2OFrrXM>

Speaking about important festivals

Festivals are mostly celebrated to propagate the cultural heritage of nations. Festivals highlight various aspects of a society. Festivals at national level help to promote solidarity and patriotic spirit in the society. Religious festivals all around the world bring convergence and propagate acceptance of all kinds of religions in different geographical segments. International festivals help to increase brotherhood and remove ethnic racism in the world. Celebrations of all kinds of festivals in a country improve the overall image of the country and show the acceptance of cultural diversity in the country.

Key points

Describe a festival that is important in your country.

You should say:

- When the festival occurs
- What you did during it
- What you like or dislike about it
- And explain why this festival is important



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Sample

Describe a festival: Christmas

Christmas is an annual holiday that, in Christianity, commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Popular customs of the holiday include gift-giving, music, an exchange of greeting cards, church



celebrations, a special meal, and the display of various decorations; including Christmas trees, lights, nativity scenes, and holly. In addition, Father Christmas (known as Santa Claus in some areas) is a popular figure in many countries, associated with the bringing of gifts for children.

Over the Christmas period, people decorate their homes and exchange gifts. In some countries, children perform plays re-telling the events of the Nativity, or sing carols that reference the event. Christmas, along with Easter, is the period of highest annual church attendance.

A special Christmas family meal is an important part of the celebration for many, and what is served varies greatly from country to country. In England and countries influenced by its traditions, a standard Christmas meal includes turkey, potatoes, vegetables, sausages and gravy, followed by Christmas pudding, mince pies and fruit cake.