

Demonstration

Description: A demonstration speech is an original work written by the competitor that explains how to do something or how something works. Props may or may not be used.

Goal: To develop a polished, engaging speaker with an emphasis on demonstrating a process with or without using props or physical activity. The speech must be instructive and present information in a well-organized and clear manner.

Demonstration Preparation Rules:

1. The competitor may prepare a speech on any instructional topic.
2. The speech must be an original work, prepared by the competitor and the speaker must demonstrate a process and/or physical activity.
3. The speech is scripted but minor adaptations may be made to connect with the audience during delivery.
4. The demonstration speech may be presented in multiple leagues during any given competitive season. It may be entered in only one event per tournament (e.g., either Demonstration or Expository, but not both.). The competitor may place the speech in a different event in subsequent tournaments.
5. The competitor may enter only one demonstration speech per tournament.
6. The competitor must provide a script and a citation page (if needed) at each tournament, along with the completed Platform Speech Script Submission Form. All sources must be **cited in text and orally within the speech**. Note: Electronic Script Submission is required at NITOC.
7. Copyrighted images must also be cited on the final citation page but need not be cited orally.
8. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of directly (verbatim) quoted material.

Demonstration Presentation Rules:

1. All **sources must be cited verbally** within the body of the speech. Use of another person's words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden.
2. No scripts or notes may be referred to in competition rounds. Competitors will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a script or notes in competition.
3. Props may be used to demonstrate the task or process.
4. Audio, visual aids, and effects may be used.
5. Computers and electronic devices may be used.
6. Tournaments shall provide access to power outlet in presentation rooms.
7. All props and equipment needed for the speech must be provided by the competitor.
8. Each speaker has approximately two minutes for setup.
9. Any special clothing related to the demonstration may only be put on or displayed during the speech.
10. The presentation area must be left in the same condition as it was prior to the speech.
11. Use of weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices is prohibited.
12. Nothing may be distributed or offered to the judges or audience members.
13. People and live animals may not be used as aides in the speech.
14. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
15. Timepiece must be **facing toward the competitor and counting up**. Local tournaments may still choose to give hand signals every minute until seven (7) minutes have elapsed.
16. Maximum speaking time is seven (7) minutes. Stoa expects competitors to complete presentations within the event time, except for extenuating circumstances (e.g.: laughter, timing issues, etc.). There is no minimum time limit.
17. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going over time by 15 seconds or more.

Speaking Time – Seven (7) minutes. No minimum time