

Informative Speech:
My Career



On Wednesday Oct. 17 (A) and Thursday, Oct. 18 (B), you will be presenting an informative speech. Your speech must be 3-5 minutes long, with a 15 second grace period. If it is shorter than 2:45 or longer than 5:15, points will be taken off. Therefore, it would be a good idea to practice your speech ahead of time so that you know you are within the time limit.

Your topic will be about the career you plan to have. If you don't know for sure what you will do, pick a career that interests you and use this opportunity to find out more about it. You must have it approved with me first.

Here are the questions your speech must answer:

- What career would you like to have?
- Why have you chosen this career?
- What all does this job entail? (What would you do every day?)
- What degree do you need in order to enter this career? What are some specific things you should study?
- What are some schools that



offer this degree and field of study?

- What kind of salary does this career have? (Use salary.com)
- What kind of hours would you work?
- What kind of benefits does this job offer? (You need health insurance!)
- What else do you need to be successful in this career?



- Where would you live if you had this job?
- What kind of company or organization would you work for?
- What are the 5 biggest reasons you want to have this job?
- What are 3 potential negatives of this job?



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Note Sheet: Career Speech

Use this sheet to guide your research for your career speech.

1. What career would you like to have?
2. Why have you chosen this career?
3. What all does this job entail? (What would you do every day?)
4. What degree do you need in order to enter this career? What are some specific things you should study?
5. What are some schools that offer this degree and field of study?
6. What kind of salary does this career have? (Use salary.com)
7. What kind of hours would you work?

8. What kind of benefits does this job offer? (You need health insurance!)

9. What else do you need to be successful in this career?

10. Where would you live if you had this job?

11. What kind of company or organization would you work for?

12. What are the 5 biggest reasons you want to have this job?

13. What are 3 potential negatives of this job?

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Use this outline to help you write your career speech. You may use the back of this sheet to begin your working outline.

Outline Pattern for Informative Speech

I. Introduction

- A. Attention-getter (joke, story, quote, rhetorical question, startling info, personal experience)
- B. Specific Purpose (Thesis)- what your speech is about
- C. Preview Statement- tell what order you're presentation your information

II. Body

- Tell us what career you want to have
- Why you chose this career
- What the job entails
- What degree you need to have for the career
- What schools would be good to attend to prepare for the career
- What salary you would earn
- What hours you would work
- Positive and Negative aspects of the career

III. Conclusion

- A. Summarize (restate what career you want to have and why)
- B. Memorable concluding statement

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Career Speech Rubric

Content: (6 points each)

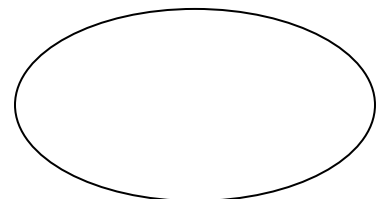
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| Did the speaker have an introduction? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker have a conclusion? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us what career they would like to have? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us why they chose this career? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us what this job entails? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us what degree they need to have? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us what schools would be good to attend? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us what salary they would earn? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker tell us what hours they would work? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker list some possible negatives of the career? | No | Yes |

Context: (5 points each)

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| Did the speaker use eye contact? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker have good posture? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker use appropriate hand movements? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker have a strong voice? | No | Yes |
| Did the speaker use a lot of filler words? | No | Yes |
| Did the speech last between 3-5 minutes? | No | Yes |

Participation as a speaker and as an audience member (10 pts) _____

Comments:



Helpful Websites for Finding Information for your Career Speech:

<http://www.collegegrad.com/careers/index.shtml>

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

<http://www.careeroverview.com/>

<http://jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.php>

<http://www.acinet.org/acinet/>