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Requirements

1. Give a three- to five-minute introduction of yourself to an audience such as your troop, class at school, or some other group.
2. Prepare a three- to five-minute talk on a topic of your choice that incorporates body language and visual aids.
3. Give an impromptu talk of at least two minutes either as part of a group discussion or before your counselor. Use a subject selected by your counselor that is interesting to you but that is not known to you in advance and for which you do not have time to prepare.
4. Select a topic of interest to your audience. Collect and organize information about the topic and prepare an outline. Write an eight- to 10-minute speech, practice it, then deliver it in a conversational way.
5. Show you know parliamentary procedure by leading a discussion or meeting according to accepted rules of order, or by answering questions on the rules of order.

Public Speaking Resources

Scouting Literature

Journalism and Communication merit badge pamphlets

Books

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Visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website at <http://www.scoutstuff.org> for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

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Organizations and Websites

National Speakers Association

Telephone: 480-968-2552

Website: <http://www.nsaspeaker.org>

American Institute of Parliamentarians

Toll-free telephone: 888-664-0428

Website: <http://www.aipparl.org>

National Association of Parliamentarians

Toll-free telephone: 888-627-2929

Website: <http://parliamentarians.org>

Toastmasters International

Telephone: 949-858-8255

Website: <http://www.toastmasters.org>

Words That Shook the World

Telephone: 310-273-5787

Website: <http://www.wordsthatshooktheworld.com>

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