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INTRODUCTION

What is Oratory? That is the main question. This semester you will be entering in the awesome world of public speaking in which men and women seem equally scared to enter. It's not an age factor, size, shape, style – all of us look really scared when dealing with standing up in front of people. Even just to say few words. I remember myself really scared when I was eight years old and I got a part in a dance presentation and I had to say at the end "Thank you so much for all your support and love". I was really frightened, but I did it and I felt really good after. So you do not have to worry, you will see that in few weeks you will be enjoying and learning the fundamentals of public speaking and of course sharing your own skills with your class as well as contributing to the whole class development. By the end of the semester you will have a wonderful transformation and definitely you will be really happy and comfortable about speaking in public.

First of all, you will discover that oratory is not a difficult skill, if you have the proper specialized training. Second, you will acquire the confidence that you need to use speech fluency and get you message across. You will have pride and self-esteem that come with learning to stand up and express yourself with eloquence.

This textbook is divided into seven units that take you through the process of writing and delivering a speech. You will learn that giving a speech involves some other elements that just standing up and talking, that indeed that is the simplest part.

You will discover that this book guides you into the process of planning, analyzing, researching, writing, revising and rehearsing, and after the speaking even comes the feedback that is the most important part of your speech

because this permits the interaction between your audience and you. Also, it is valuable to evaluate yourself and keep gaining experience. Experience builds confidence, which is the key to effective speaking so do not hide when someone asks you or selects you to speak in public. That is your opportunity to gain experience. All the units have at the beginning of the lesson Unit Objectives that summarize the goal everyone in the class has to reach. Here is what the seven units of this textbook will teach you.

Unit I: Discovering Oratory first explores the History of Oratory and how people feel about public speaking. This part also discusses the importance of overcoming stage fright, and the basic elements that we have to face before entering this world: Needs of the Orator and Needs of the Audience.

Unit II: Visual Aids for Public Speaking helps you giving fundamentals of visual aids, tips on how to use them, and prepare visual aids to add attractive dimension to your speech.

Unit III: Planning your Speech gives you the clue of speech preparation and audience analysis. After you get the principles of Oratory and visual aids to help you emphasize your message, here comes the planning part that involves a great deal of creativity, research and organization.

Unit IV: Types of speeches gives you a quick tour on the general theory of types of speeches: speaking to inform, to persuade and to entertain. It also, provides you a clear definition of examples of kind of speeches.

Unit V: Writing your Speech gets into the speech style as well as techniques to communicate your meaning clearly, in fact using your own style and suiting it to your audience, purpose and occasion. You will discover the

process of writing a speech from the beginning (the opening), through the middle (the body), and to the close (the conclusion). Besides you'll learn the importance of outlining and learn that it is not that terrible, instead it is a great help while organizing information.

.Unit VI: Create your Style describes how to test and use your body language, dressing code, voice and personal appearance to maximize your success

Unit VII: Communication & Protocol helps you to tailor the benefits of using protocol and etiquette to get people's satisfaction and appreciation in any occasion. Furthermore, it describes Protocol as the complement of a good public speaker.

Moreover, all the teaching and explanations, this textbook contains stick-it notes to make it even easier for you to learn how to speak in public with confidence Here is how you will recognize these features:



Each unit has at the end of the lessons a Class Performance part and at the end of the unit a Self-Assessment Test. Those activities that you have to develop are intended to put into practice all the acquired theory. Remember that the only way to gain experience is by practicing: that is why the most of this activities are directed to the practice of Oratory itself. The Self-Assessment Test purpose is to evaluate your own learning and to take responsibility of your improving and mastering of this skill.

Special thanks to all the people who have contributed with their advice and feedback in order to make this textbook an interactive textbook, but more than all to you -students who are the success of this textbook that was designed especially to meet your needs.

This textbook is your friendly hand that will guide you for the awesome world of Oratory and Protocol. Let's speak out!



