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# Appendix 4: Give Great Speeches

## Part 1

### Directions:

Read the article “Give Great Speeches” in the spring/summer 2025 issue of *FFA New Horizons* and answer the questions below.

1. Why is public speaking considered an important skill according to the National FFA Organization?

2. Who is Kade Lawrence, and what achievement is he known for?

3. What does “be positive” mean in the context of delivering a speech?

4. Why is it important to choose a topic you are passionate about when preparing a speech?

5. How does being “particular” improve the quality of a speech?

6. What does it mean to “be poised” when delivering a speech, and why is it valuable?

7. How does one’s appearance, or being “presentable,” impact a speech’s reception?

8. According to the article, why is extensive preparation necessary for successful public speaking?

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## Part 2

### Directions:

Using the collection of past convention keynotes and retiring addresses from the QR code in the article ([FFA.org/ffa-video-center/convention-keynotes-and-retiring-addresses/](https://FFA.org/ffa-video-center/convention-keynotes-and-retiring-addresses/)) or another speech you find online, complete the following to analyze the selected speech.

**Name of speech and speaker:** \_\_\_\_\_

| BE POSITIVE                                                                                                                                             |  |
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| 1. How did the speaker's tone and body language contribute to a positive delivery? Give specific examples of gestures, expressions, word choices, etc.  |  |
| 2. How did the speaker maintain an optimistic or encouraging approach throughout the speech? Explain how this impacted your engagement with the speech. |  |
| BE PASSIONATE                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 3. What elements of the speech show the speaker's enthusiasm for the topic? Think of their passion and emotion during the speech.                       |  |
| 4. How did the speaker's passion affect your perception of the topic?                                                                                   |  |
| BE PARTICULAR                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 5. How effectively did the speaker use specific details, facts or examples to support the main points? List two examples and describe their impact.     |  |
| 6. Name one thing that could have made the message of the speech stronger.                                                                              |  |

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**BE POISED**

7. Describe one instance when the speaker appeared confident and composed during their delivery.

8. Name two ways the speaker could improve their body language or poise to enhance their delivery.

**BE PRESENTABLE**

9. How did the speaker's appearance (such as attire, grooming, posture) contribute to the overall professionalism of the speech?

10. In what ways did the speaker's presentation style enhance or detract from their credibility? Explain.

11. What challenges do you think the presenter faced while creating the speech and incorporating the Five P's?

12. How do you think these strategies could help you in a future presentation?

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Use the chart below to reflect on what you've learned.

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An FFA member from Texas who won the 2023 National FFA Prepared Public Speaking LDE

3. What does "be positive" mean in the context of delivering a speech?

Keeping mannerisms light, positive and upbeat

4. Why is it important to choose a topic you are passionate about when preparing a speech?

So that your passion shines throughout the speech

5. How does being "particular" improve the quality of a speech?

Facts help support the topic and keep the audience engaged from start to finish.

6. What does it mean to "be poised" when delivering a speech, and why is it valuable?

To be composed, dignified and self-assured

It allows you to have confidence.

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It gives a strong first impression and conveys seriousness and professionalism.

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