

Writing a Speech

When preparing a speech, you should choose a topic that you know a lot about. School issues are relevant and you could be said to be experts on such topics as you are affected by them every day.

Choose one of the following topics to discuss with a partner. Choose one heading and try to write down your thoughts about it in the box below.

Uniform – for or against?

Is school uniform a good thing or a bad thing? Should it be changed? How?

Holidays

Are school holidays too long or too short? Should there be more or fewer school holidays?

Homework

Is homework an important part of school life or should it be banned? Why?

Now fill in the following table with five bullet points for and five against the topic you have chosen:

FOR	AGAINST

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Decide whether you are for or against the issue you have chosen and **write a speech to be given in a lower school assembly.**

Remember you are speaking to people your own age and try to keep them interested by using questions and humour.

Don't use speech marks.

Some ideas:

- ☆ *Hello year 8. I am here today to talk about homework ...*
- ☆ *How many times have you woken up and thought 'Oh no, I really don't want the holidays to end'?*
- ☆ *Everybody knows that school uniform is a sensible option as it allows everyone to be equal.*
- ☆ *I suggest that homework should be changed in the following ways...*

Write your speech here.

Continue overleaf

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Use this table to prepare a really detailed list of points for and against your chosen topic.

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