



- *speech night*. Practice your speech several times a day, *every day*. Know that the more comfortable you are with your speech, the more comfortable you will be speaking in front of your audience. Do not expect to do an excellent job unless you invest time in practicing in front of your family members or friends. Work on the following:
 - * *tone*. The tone of voice should match what you are saying. Do not speak in a monotone, but vary the pitch, rhythm, and volume to suit the speech's content.
 - * *begin slowly*. Do not rush the beginning of your speech. Allow the audience to ease into what you are saying.
 - * *speak clearly*. Enunciate your syllables. Remember if your audience cannot understand what you are saying, your speech is lost. Because you have your speech memorized, you might unconsciously think that everyone else is familiar with it; however, speak as if you are teaching the audience something *new* and *exciting*.
 - * *eye contact*. Look at the audience while you are speaking.
 - * *energy*. Speak energetically as if you are excited about you are saying.
- *meeting place*. If the workmen are still repairing the church building, we will meet downstairs in the art room so that I can record everyone.
- *lesson*. If we have time after practicing all of the speeches, we will continue going over the Robert Benchley essays.