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The Informative Speech: Choosing your topic

An **informative speech** presents or describes information. There are four types to choose from.

(1) *Description Speech*: describing a person, place, thing, or experience. Examples: talking about one of the presidential candidates, a celebrity, a holiday, Penguin Park, summer vacation, or even the history of the toothpick!

List two possible topics that are examples of descriptive speeches:

a.

b.

(2) *Definition Speech:* explaining a word or concept in great detail. This is usually a dictionary meaning, general understanding, or personal meaning of words or concepts. Examples; What is recycling and what does it look like at Park Hill, what does freedom mean to you, are swamps as dirty as they sound, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: from the 80s to today.

List two possible topics that are examples of definition speeches:

a.

b.

(3) *Demonstration Speech:* using a media aid to explain a particular concept or thing. Examples: Basic baseball pitches (with baseball), classic American jewelry (with examples), the parts of a Harley Davidson motorcycle (with poster).

List two possible topics that are examples of demonstration speeches:

a.

b.

(4) *Process Speech:* explaining a step by step process during which something is created or operated. Examples: How to bake chocolate chip cookies, how to draw faces, how to braid hair, how to tell a joke.

List two possible topics that are examples of process speeches:

a.

b.