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# Communication

At our next 4-H Club meeting, we will have a Public Speaking contest! You should write a short speech, practice at home, and come prepared to present your speech at the next meeting. Blue ribbon winners will be invited to the county 4-H Public Speaking Contest!

**How long does my speech have to be?**

4th grade—1-3 minutes

5th –8th grade—2-7 minutes

9th-12th grade—3-7 minutes



## What do I write my speech about?

You can choose to write your speech about anything you would like. Choose a topic that is interesting to you, or something that you enjoy or know a lot about. Here are some great ideas for your speech to get you started:

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| My 4-H Club | My Favorite Sport | My Family |
| Being a Good Leader | The American Flag | My Vacation |
| My Role Model | Being a Good Citizen | My Favorite Hobby |

## How do I organize my information?

**Introduction:** Introduce what you are going to be talking about.

**Body:** Use your body to list 2-3 main points about your topic.

**Conclusion:** Summarize your main point to wrap things up.



## Reminders!

Make good eye contact during the speech with the audience.

Speak loud and clear.

Have a good posture and don't fidget while speaking.

Write your notes on index cards

## Ideas For My 4-H Speech

**Introduction:** Today I would like to speak about...

**The first point I want to make about my topic is...**

**The second point I want to make is...**

**The last point I want to make is...**

**Conclusion: In conclusion...This topic is important to me because...**

Next 4-H Meeting
Blanche – Dec. 1
South Lincoln – Dec 2
Highland Rim - Dec. 3
Homeschool – Dec. 4
Unity – Dec. 8
Ralph Askins - Dec. 9
Flintville - Dec. 10
Riverside - Dec. 14

### 4-H pledge

I pledge:
My HEAD to clearer thinking,

My HEART to greater loyalty,

My HANDS to larger service, and

My HEALTH to better living

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 5 & 19 | Archery Practice |
| Nov. 24 | Cookie Club |
| Dec. 10 | Cookie Club |
| Jan. 7 | County Speech, Breadmaking, Cookies, 4-H Posters, Christmas Crafts |
| Jan. 21 | Area Speech Contest |
| Feb. | Building Better Beef Field Day |
| June 7-11 | 4-H Camp (4-6 Grades) |

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