

Introduction

1. The first part of your introduction is a **catchy opening** statement. Below are some examples you can use for your speech.

-Quote that is important to you and you can justify the quote's importance.

-A string of adjectives that describe you and are related to the ideas in your speech.

-An interesting fact about yourself that is related to one of your ideas from your speech.

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Thesis Statement

A thesis statement declares what you believe and what you intend to prove. The thesis statement unifies your speech or essay, it is clear and specific, and the statement ties your evidence together. The trick is to not directly state what your speech is about.

An example to not use is= My speech is about 5 ideas in my head.

A better example= The story of my life is illustrated through these ideas that are constantly running through my mind.

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Bridge Statement

This statement connects the catchy opener and the thesis, or the bridge statement can connect your introduction to your first paragraph.

Catchy Opener=The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart

Bridge Statement=The thoughts going through my mind cannot necessarily be touched, but my feelings and goals are important to me.

Thesis=The story of my life is illustrated through my feelings and goals that are constantly running through my mind.

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Conclusion

1. Restate your thesis from your introduction in different words.

Example=My mind is comprised of many ideas that represent the person I currently am today.

2. Add a closing comment or comments to keep the class wondering about your ideas and interested in your speech.

Example-My mind is full of fascinating images that are the beginning of my story. However, my story will continue to play out as my future unfolds. It is going to be quite a ride!

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