

Interpersonal Communication Assignment

Introduction

The purpose of this speech is to give you a brief, initial exposure to speaking in front of an audience in a low-risk situation. To that end, you will be introducing one of your classmates to the rest of the class. This introductory speech should be delivered extemporaneously from brief notes that occupy no more than one side of a single folded sheet of paper. You are not to just read your speech from a sheet and you should use as much eye contact as possible. In preparation for the speech, you will work in groups of three and interview one of the students in your group.

In your speech, you will need to provide basic information such as the name of the person you are introducing, his or her home town, academic major, personal interests, hobbies, aspirations, and the like. But the speech need not be a routine recitation of biographical data. You are encouraged to be creative in your interview questions and in your speech.

These are some of the questions you can ask during your interview. Ultimately it is up to you what you want to ask and what you want to include in the introduction.

Who are you introducing?

What is their major?

What reason(s) do they have for taking this class?

Do they have any specific goals for improving your communication skills? What are they? (What would they like to learn how to do? What particular problems would they like to overcome?)

What classes in speech and related fields (such as journalism or English composition) have they had here or at other schools?

What kinds of interpersonal challenges have they had in your classes, jobs, religious organizations, extra-curricular activities, etc.?

What are their career plans? Will interpersonal communication be important to their career? How so?