

REHEARSING YOUR SPEECH

1. Read your speech several times silently.
2. Read your speech several times aloud.
3. Then practice your delivery in front of a mirror
  - a. Do you keep your head erect?
  - b. Do you make eye contact with the audience?
  - c. Do you stand up straight?
  - d. Do you keep your arms at your side?
  - e. Do you use facial expressions that reflect what your mouth is saying?
  - f. Do you talk with your audience, not at them?
  - g. Do you use a variety of vocal tones?
  - h. Do you smile as you are giving your speech?
4. Read the speech into a tape recorder and listen to the results.
5. Deliver the speech to family members and to your mentor. Ask for their honest comments. Don't only welcome compliments but ask for analytical or critical comments, too.
6. On the day of the Oratorical Festival, relax. You will do a fine job!

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