

## **SPECIAL OCCASION SPEECH**

Prepare a speech appropriate for a special occasion. Choose from the following types:

- **Dedication/Tribute**: may honor an individual, a group of individuals, or a **specific** event.
- **Eulogies**: honor a specific deceased person, celebrating the life he/she lived rather than mulling on the manner or circumstances of their death.
- **Farewell**: this could be a graduation speech or leaving a particular position after years; they are not just simply goodbye.
- **Speech of Acceptance**: when you win an award or honor, its traditional to thank them with appreciation and gratitude.

The subject of your speech can be a friend, family member, classmate, or famous person, as well as an object. If you are giving an acceptance speech or dedicating something to a specific person, just choose something to accept or dedicate where appropriate.

1. Prepare a 3 to 5 minute speech. No formal sentence outline is required; however, you must write a manuscript (word for word) what you plan to say. Then go through it and put key words only on note cards or one sheet of paper. No visual aids are required for this speech, but they will enhance it and help set the mood.
2. Speak extemporaneously (carefully prepared, but delivered without notes or texts) using your personal style to create drama and interest.
3. Your introduction should catch your audience's attention. Your thesis statement should be well executed and **should be obvious to your audience**. Use transitions to aid in the flow of your speech. Your conclusion should be well executed and leave your audience with some kind of message.
4. Have fun with this speech. Try to add some humor where and if appropriate. Create an emotionally charged atmosphere in which to tribute a worthy person. Create an award and nominate someone for it. Eulogize a departed loved one or world figure. Dedicate your textbook or your class notes to someone who will be following in your footsteps. Just be creative☺.

## **Special Occasion Speech Topic Worksheet**

1. List five people you admire and briefly explain why:
2. List five people you consider idols and briefly explain why:
3. List five events that 1) have had an impact on you, or 2) would interest you:
4. Given the above information, list 10 potential special occasion speech topics:
5. Based on the above information, I have chosen the following special occasion speech topic:
6. The thesis statement for my special occasion speech is: