

# 4-H Public Speaking

Everyone needs to be able to communicate and express their ideas clearly.  
Communication skills are important to every student's future!

There are 3 basic styles of speeches:

- ⇒ **ACTION**—Convince your audience you believe in your topic
- ⇒ **INFORMATIVE**—Inform your audience and explain the steps
- ⇒ **ENTERTAINING**—Entertain your audience—be lighthearted and funny

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## STEPS TO A GOOD SPEECH

- **SELECT YOUR TOPIC**—Pick something you are interested in
- **RESEARCH YOUR TOPIC**
- **ORGANIZE YOUR SPEECH**
  - Have an introduction, body & closing
- **PRESENT**
  - Speak clearly, and use words you can pronounce
  - Have good posture and a neat appearance
  - Stay within the time limits

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### RECOMMENDED LENGTHS

4th grade: 2-3 minutes  
5th-6th grade: 3-5 minutes  
7th-12th grade: 5-7 minutes



**Public Speaking is  
the #1 fear of  
American people!**