

Speak Up! – Public Speaking for Kids (Ages 10–12)

Course Description:

In this engaging and confidence-building online course, students aged 10 to 12 will learn how to speak clearly, confidently, and creatively in front of others. Through fun games, guided practice, and interactive projects, students will develop the essential skills of public speaking—including vocal control, body language, speech writing, storytelling, and spontaneous speaking.

Each 90-minute class offers a balance of instruction, speaking time, and peer feedback in a safe and supportive online environment. Students will give a variety of short speeches—from storytelling and show-and-tell to persuasive and impromptu speeches—building toward a final 2–3 minute prepared presentation.

Whether your child is shy or already loves the spotlight, this course will help them find their voice and speak up with confidence in school, on stage, and in life.

Skills Developed:

- Public speaking confidence
- Voice projection and clarity
- Eye contact and body language
- Organization and structure of speeches
- Creative storytelling and persuasive speaking
- Critical listening and giving feedback

Syllabus Overview

Class	Focus Topic	Activities
1	Welcome & Overcoming Fear <i>"Yes, I Can!"</i>	- Icebreaker games - Discuss fears about speaking - Voice warm-ups - Mini intro speeches (30 sec) - Group brainstorm: What makes a great speaker?
2	Body Language & Voice <i>"Say It With Style!"</i>	- Mirror exercises - Facial expression charades - Volume, tone, pace games - Practice telling a story with gestures
3	Organizing a Speech <i>"Beginning, Middle, End"</i>	- Discuss: Hooks, structure, closings - Build a short 3-part speech (e.g., "My Favorite Animal") - Peer feedback
4	Descriptive Speaking <i>"Paint a Picture With Words"</i>	- Use sensory language - "Describe the Scene" game - Deliver short object descriptions
5	Storytelling Skills <i>"Telling It Like It Happened"</i>	- Elements of a good story - Practice: Tell a funny/true personal story - Vocal expression and pacing
6	Persuasive Speaking <i>"Change My Mind!"</i>	- Intro to persuasion (ethos, pathos, logos simplified) - Debate-style games ("Would You Rather?") - Create short persuasive speeches
7	Improvisation & Thinking on Your Feet	- "What's in the Box?" game - 1-minute impromptu speeches - Q&A practice in pairs
8	Visual Aids & Props <i>"Show and Speak!"</i>	- Discuss how to use slides, posters, or objects - Bring and present a favorite item using visuals
9	Listening & Feedback	- Watch a great speech (kid-friendly TED talk or example) - Practice giving kind, useful feedback - Group "Speech Doctor" activity

10	Speech Practice & Rehearsal #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write and begin rehearsing a 2–3 minute speech - Practice in breakout rooms or pairs - Peer coaching
11	Speech Practice & Rehearsal #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue refining and rehearsing - Add vocal expression and gestures - Optional: record a practice run
12	Final Speeches – Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Half of students present their final speeches - Peer and teacher feedback
13	Final Speeches – Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remaining students present - Group celebration and feedback
14–15 (Optional)	Creative Projects & Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group video speech project - "Host a Show" role-play - Speech games and celebration