

WHY STUDENTS SHOULD MAKE THEIR OWN SPEECHES

Discourse analysis

- It helps them to understand better how speeches work: logic, structure etc. as they will be *actively* using these techniques
- They will grasp more easily the difference between primary and secondary information (bones and flesh), as they build their own speeches that way
- They will learn as a result how better to identify and extract the main ideas from someone else's speech
- They will become accustomed to rhetorical devices, and so be able more easily to spot them in a speech and deal with them appropriately

Language enhancement

- It will help develop language resourcefulness in their active languages (A and B)
- It is useful for developing a certain register of language
- It helps to build specialist vocabulary

General knowledge

- They should be asked to write speeches on current affairs and topics, thereby improving their general knowledge. Active use of this knowledge will anchor it better in their minds

Public speaking/communication skills

- Delivering their own speeches will allow them to concentrate on communicating a message clearly (without having the added difficulty of interpreting)
- They will learn how to become convincing and engage with their audience