

COMM 101R: Speech Requirements – Define/Describe Speech

In this speech, you will be giving the audience detailed information about your topic (literally defining or describing it) instead of simply explaining a process. This is the type of speech where diseases/disorders/medical conditions are often used as topics; however, you are by no means limited to these types of topics.

Time: This speech should last four (4) to six (6) minutes. There will be a point deduction for going both under and over these time requirements; you will lose half a point for every ten seconds you are under or over time. Point deductions for going over the time limit will begin at the six-minute mark.

Research: You are required to use a minimum of **three (3)** research resources for this speech. Please see the “Guidelines & Requirements for Research Resources” document in the “Resources” section of Modules 6 & 7 and the “Guidelines & Requirements for Research Resources” video lecture in Module 6 for more information.

Required Content:

- You should start your speech by literally introducing yourself.
- Make sure your speech has a clear introduction, body, signposts, and conclusion. Missing any one of these components will result in a severe point deduction on your speech.
- Be sure to state your credibility to give a define/describe speech on this topic.

Required Submissions: Along with your recorded speech, remember to submit the following in GoReact:

- A preparation outline (which includes a Reference page)
- A synced PowerPoint Presentation

Required Audience: Per course policy, you must present this speech in front of five (5) live adult audience members (**pets and children do not count**). You should begin your recording by scanning the audience so the Instructor can clearly see each audience member.

The following is a list of **possible** topics. This list is meant to provide you with suggestions; you ARE NOT limited to these topics:

Musical genres (rap, country, pop, etc.)

Religions

Alcoholism Lupus

Greenhouse Effect Global Warming Nuclear

Winter Child Abuse

Elder Abuse Pyromania Euthanasia

Osteoporosis Mesothelioma Anorexia

Dyslexia

Manic Depression Asthma

Obesity

Alzheimer’s Disease ADD/ADHD

Breast Cancer

PLEASE NOTE: This is an informative speech, so your goal is to share information about your topic. You should NOT include any persuasive elements in this speech. For example, if you choose to discuss obesity, you should not include content that attempts to persuade your audience to lose weight, exercise, etc.