

Coaching Speech Contest

**Helping Your Students Get the Most Out of
Speech Contests!**



1.) Introduction

a.) Disclaimer

2.) Pre-Planning for Speech

Contest

3.) Corrections and rewrites

4.) Speech coaching

5.) Q&A

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Why should you
listen to me?

DISCLAIMER!

Hate to say it folks, but...

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Step 1: Pre-Planning

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- 1.) JTE announcements!
 - a.) Scoping out students who are interested.
 - b.) Encouraging students who enjoy English class to participate.

*****Never pressure a kid to participate just because they're good at English*****

- 2.) JTE and ALT establish a timeline with the students.
- 3.) Choosing the right topics!***

Choosing the right topics



- Is your student's topic... a bit boring?
 - Guide your student to dig deeper into their topic by asking the right questions!
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Example topic: Why I love Kendo club!

ALT - Why do you love Kendo?

Student - Because it's cool!

ALT - Why do you think it's cool?

Student - Because it's Japanese tradition!

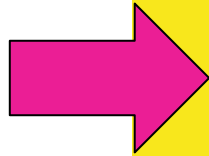
ALT - Do you think it is important to teach Japanese tradition to young students?

Student - YES!

ALT - Why?

Student - Tradition will disappear if we don't teach it to young people!

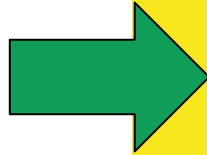
**Original topic:
Why I love Kendo
Club!**



New topic:

How kendo club taught
me the importance of
passing on traditional
Japanese culture to
future generations.

**Original topic:
My time abroad in
Australia was really
amazing!**



New topic:

Many Japanese people are afraid to travel abroad because they are taught to believe that life outside Japan is dangerous.

Here is how my experiences challenged my understanding of life outside Japan, and how I'm better for it.

Step 2: Correcting Scripts

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TWO MAIN POINTS

- 1.) Try your best to maintain your student's voice!
 - 2.) Reorganizing and restructuring is okay, as long as you explain your reasoning to the student.
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Step 3: Speech Coaching

(2-4 weeks leading up to the contest)

Here's where the
real learning
begins.

BUT FIRST!

What NOT to do...

Instead:
Build their English
confidence!

Speech coaching timeline

First meeting: Audio recording and timing.

Majority of meetings: Pronunciation drills, marking,

Approaching the end: Memorization techniques.

Finishing up: Intonation, gesture, movement, breathing.

Final Meetings: Confidence building, calming the nerves

Audio recording and timing

- Ask the students to bring their phones or tablets to you first meeting.
 - Record yourself delivering their speech in good, natural english.
 - Have them read through their speech after that, and TIME THEM!
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Pronunciation drills, marking,

- Highlight **every single** pronunciation mistake.
 - Drill all the highlighted words until they say them correctly.
 - **Give the student the marked up speech!**
 - Highlight a new copy for every meeting.
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Memorization Techniques

- Many students try to memorize their speeches one word, or sentence at a time.
 - Show them how their sentences are connected, and how one idea leads to the next.
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My reason for running for president is

**Intonation, gesture,
movement, breathing**

Confidence Building & calming the nerves

It's just speech contest

- Show your students how much they've improved since they began their journey.
 - Remind them of their goals.
 - They have **ALREADY WON!**
 - 5 minutes and it's over!
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Other Fun Ideas

- Outside practice for quiet students.
- Have students deliver each other's speeches.
- “What’s your speech about?”



There you have it, folks!



Questions?



Senpai Advice?