

*261 Speaking Assignment 3*  
*Persuading Your Audience*

*Name:*

In this final talk, you should pick a topic from the list below. Form your opinion from research, talking to others, your personal experience, your culture, etc. Give a short (2.5-3 minute talk) that presents convincing and supportive examples.

This assignment will be on the general topic of family and family values.

Below are some questions on specific topics. No more than 3 people can pick the same topic, so let me know when you have chosen your topic. You may work with your classmates in discussing this topic and sharing articles or information, but each person will be evaluated individually.

1. What qualities make a good parent (or mother or father)?
2. Should mothers stay at home to care for their young children under 5 years old? Explain.
3. Do single parents need more support than two-parent families?
4. Are biracial marriages getting more popular? Explain.
5. How can couples build a good marriage? Explain.
6. Is living together as good as being married? Explain.
7. What are the advantages of legalizing same sex marriages?
8. What are the disadvantages of legalizing same sex marriages?
9. Do children have an obligation to take care of their elderly parents? Explain.
10. What are some of the problems facing immigrant families whose children grow up in the U.S.?
11. Is teenage violence increasing? If so, why?
12. Are more or fewer teens using illegal drugs these days? Explain.
13. Are teens under more or less stress these days? Explain.
14. What is the best way to teach your children to be honest and caring people?

**Bring the Speech Grid and your outline on the day of your talk. You should have a thesis statement and at least three good supports.**

Here are some sample phrases to use in your talk:  
Phrases *in italics* are sample transitions.

1. Introduction: (in this part, we should know what your opinion is)
  - a. *Today, I'd like to share my thoughts on...*
  - b. *Have you ever wondered why.....? Well, I have...*
  - c. *I have a true story to share with you today...*
  
2. Supports (why you believe this).
  - a. *To learn more about this topic, I read some articles.*
    1. *I've learned that...*
  - b. *I've also interviewed some friends.*
    1. *Many agree that...*
  - c. *In my culture, most people agree that...*
  
3. A concluding remark:
  - a. *To conclude, I have learned that...*
  - b. *Thanks for coming to hear my talk today.*

Your talk should be informative and convincing, even if we do not agree with your opinion.

### **More Tips**

Practice giving this talk at least two times. Concentrate on good eye contact with your audience. Practice your transitions and emphasis on key points.

Incorporate some new vocabulary in your talk. Be sure to look up or ask someone to correct your pronunciation before you use the vocabulary in your talk.

In your outline, write down at least 5 new vocabulary words that I will listen for when you are speaking.