

Speaking / Listening Scoring Guide

Score	Establishment of Focus and Organization		Development: Language and Elaboration of Evidence		Presentation
	Focus	Organization	Elaboration of Evidence	Language & Vocabulary	
4	<p>The speech is consistently and purposefully focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlling idea, opinion, or claim is clearly stated and strongly maintained controlling idea, opinion or claim is introduced and communicated clearly within the context 	<p>The speech has a clear and effective organizational structure helping create unity and completeness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> employs a strong opening and logical progression of ideas effective introduction and conclusion for audience and purpose 	<p>The speech provides thorough and convincing support/evidence for the writer's controlling idea, opinion, or claim that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of evidence from sources is smoothly integrated and relevant 	<p>The speech clearly and effectively expresses ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of precise language (including academic and domain-specific language) consistent use of syntax and discourse appropriate to the audience and purpose 	<p>The speech is clearly and smoothly presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of effective eye contact and volume with clear pronunciation understandable pace adapted to the audience consistently aware of audience's engagement use of strong visual/graphics/audio enhancements, when appropriate, to effectively clarify message.
3	<p>The speech is adequately and generally focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlling idea, opinion, or claim is clear and for the most part maintained though some loosely related material may be present some context for the controlling idea, opinion, or claim 	<p>The speech has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness, though some ideas may be loosely connected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety ideas progress from beginning to end introduction and conclusion are adequate adequate, if slightly inconsistent, connection among ideas 	<p>The speech provides adequate support/ evidence for the writer's controlling idea, opinion, or claim that includes the use of sources, facts, and details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some evidence from sources is smoothly integrated though may be general or imprecise 	<p>The speech adequately expresses ideas employing a mix of precise with more general language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of academic and domain-specific language is adequate use of syntax and discourse generally appropriate to the audience and purpose 	<p>The speech is adequately presented with minor flaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> appropriate use of eye contact, volume, and pronunciation generally understandable pace adapted to the audience sufficiently aware of audience's engagement sufficient use of visual/graphics/audio enhancements, when appropriate, to clarify message
2	<p>The speech is somewhat unclear and unfocused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlling idea, opinion, or claim is for the most part maintained though there may be a minor drift controlling idea, opinion, or claim may be lacking an appropriate context 	<p>The speech has an inconsistent organizational structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inconsistent use of transitional strategies with little variety ideas progress unevenly from beginning to end introduction and conclusion, if present, may be weak weak connection among ideas 	<p>The speech provides uneven, cursory support/evidence for the writer's controlling idea, opinion, or claim that includes partial or superficial use of sources, facts, and details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence from sources is weakly integrated 	<p>The speech inconsistently expresses ideas employing simplistic language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> insufficient use of academic and domain-specific language use of syntax and discourse may at times be inappropriate to the audience and purpose 	<p>The speech is unevenly presented with evident flaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inconsistent use of eye contact, volume, and pronunciation pace partially adapted to the audience partially aware of audience's engagement sufficient use of visual/graphics/audio enhancements, when appropriate, to clarify message
1	<p>The speech is unclear and unfocused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlling idea, opinion, or claim may have a major drift controlling idea, opinion, or claim may be confusing or ambiguous 	<p>The speech has little or no discernible organizational structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> few or no transitional strategies are evident frequent extraneous ideas may intrude 	<p>The speech provides minimal support/evidence for the writer's controlling idea, opinion, or claim that includes little or no use of sources, facts, or details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence from sources is minimal, absent, in error, or irrelevant 	<p>The speech expresses vague ideas, lacks clarity, or is confusing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses limited language or domain-specific vocabulary rudimentary use of syntax and discourse inappropriate for the audience and purpose 	<p>The speech is presented with serious flaws that obscure meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infrequent eye contact, and inappropriate volume and pronunciation pace not adapted to the audience little or no sense of audience's engagement little or no visual/graphics/audio enhancements to clarify message