

# Emotional speech

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**This task is about preparing and delivering a persuasive speech.**



Prepare and deliver a plea for a good cause or an emotional statement of opinion on a controversial issue.

This is a time for passion and forceful speaking. It is a call to action, the wake-up call for your audience.

Try to make use of some of the techniques frequently found in speeches of this type, such as rhetorical questions, repetition, direct appeals to the audience, strong voice modulation, and use of gestures.

Persuasive speaking depends on simplicity, directness, and confident assertion. It should be direct, lively, and delivered with feeling.

Write the main points of your speech on a cue card. Do not read or memorise your speech. You can choose one of the issues in the box below or any other issue that you feel strongly about.

- My family means everything to me.
- Having lots of different cultures in New Zealand makes it a rich place to be.
- School should all be done online.
- New Zealand needs more facilities for sport and cultural activities.
- Animal rights.
- Social media is dangerous.
- Families have lost their way.
- Teenagers care only about themselves.
- Bullying and why it's happening.
- Parents just have not got a clue.