

Send My Friend to School 2017: Writing a Speech Activity

Write a speech called: **If I were a world leader ...**

Use these 'Tip' cards to get prepared for writing; to write; to rehearse; and to perform.

Remember you won't be able to use all of these tips, so pick and choose what you need.

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TIP - Get prepared

- **WHO** you are writing your speech for (the audience), e.g. school assembly, media presentation?
- **WHAT** your speech is going to be about (its topic), e.g. [Why 2017 is the year for world leaders to invest in education?](#)
- **HOW** long do you want it to be, e.g. 3 minutes?

TIP - Get prepared

Plan to have 3 parts to your speech:

1. **Opening**
2. **Body**
3. **Ending.**

Think of your speech as a sandwich. The opening and ending are the slices of bread holding the body (filling) together.

TIP - Get writing - the opening

Begin with a hook – like a surprising or shocking fact ...

Then, tell them what you're going to tell them.

TIP - Get writing – the opening

Tell them what taking part in [Send My Friend to School](#) means to you.

TIP - Get writing - the opening

Sentences like 'How is your imagination this morning?' are great in the beginnings of speeches ... 'Good ... I'm glad, because we're going to start working with it ... right now!'

TIP - Get writing - the body

Tell stories. Get your audience's imaginations going: "Imagine you are eight-years-old and you live in Somaliland ...

TIP - Get writing - the body

Speak directly to your reader – use the pronoun 'you'.

TIP - Get writing - the body

Ask questions that don't need an answer, e.g. Do you really think 263 million children should be out of school in the 21st century? Is it right that one in three primary school-age children are not learning the basics in reading and mathematics?

TIP - Get writing - the body

Use facts and figures to give evidence that what you are saying is true, e.g. '8 out of 10' or 'over 50%'.

TIP - Get writing - the ending

End with a call to action.

Say what you want them to do – come into school and collect Send My Friend paper jigsaw piece messages; speak at your school assembly; invite you for a meeting in their office ...

TIP - Get writing - the ending

Summarise your main ideas – tell them what you told them.

TIP - Get writing - the ending

Ask your audience: 'What would you do / say if you were a world leader?'

TIP – Get rehearsing

Rehearse with friends – ask someone to listen and check time.

Practice your speech whenever you can – at the dinner table, walking to school ...