

SPEAKING THE WAY TO CORNER IMPROVEMENT

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Public speaking skills are invaluable to students today, as they play a vital role in academic, professional, and personal success. Communicating effectively in front of an audience helps build confidence, and students communicate their ideas, engage others, and make an impact. It must be noted that creative methods for teaching students to improve their public speaking skills highlight the benefits of effective public speaking and provide examples of effective teaching strategies.

Using technology is an effective method to teach students to improve their public speaking skills. Integrating technology tools such as slideshow software and video recording can enhance the learning experience and allow students to think for themselves and improve. For example, students can use video recording to practice their speech, then review and analyze their performance. It allows them to identify areas for improvement in body language, tone of voice, and general presentation skills. According to a study by Xu and Jaggars (2014), technology-enhanced feedback significantly improves students' public speaking skills. Educators can create a dynamic, interactive learning environment that fosters self-awareness and continuous improvement.

Another effective method to teach public speaking skills is through experiential learning activities. These activities provide students with real-world opportunities to practice and apply their public speaking skills in a real-world setting. For example, holding class debates, mock interviews, or presentations on related topics will encourage students to research, prepare, and present their speeches in front of their peers. This approach helps students develop effective communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, and persuasion skills. According to the National Communications Association

(NCA, 2021), experiential learning activities effectively improve public speaking skills. Educators can create a collaborative and supportive environment to nurture students' public speaking skills by engaging them in experiential learning.

In addition to technology and experiential learning, incorporating feedback and peer assessment is a valuable method for improving public speaking skills. Peer feedback allows students to receive constructive criticism and learn from their perspectives. By providing concrete and actionable feedback, students can improve their speaking skills and identify areas for development. Peer assessment also encourages active observation and listening skills in students as they learn to evaluate their peers' performance critically. According to a study by Behrens, Dean, and Roe (2016), peer feedback and evaluation significantly improved students' public speaking skills and boosted their confidence. Educators foster a culture of cooperation and mutual support by integrating peer feedback and assessment into the teaching process while promoting self-reflection and continuous improvement.

Teaching students to improve their public speaking skills is essential to their academic, professional, and personal growth. By combining innovative methods such as technology-enhanced feedback, experiential learning activities, peer feedback, and assessment, educators can create a dynamic learning environment. and engaging, helping students become effective communicators. These methods improve students' public speaking skills and promote critical thinking, collaboration, and self-reflection. By equipping students with strong public speaking skills, we help them confidently express their ideas, engage others, and make meaningful contributions in different aspects of their lives.

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