

# Text type – Speeches

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e-Textbook (PowerPoint)

A video of a graduation speech

A speech is a formal talk that a speaker gives to an audience. It can be for a small group of students, the whole school, or a group of strangers.

## greeting

Good morning, everybody. I'm Danny Ma, an ex-student at this school. I'm honoured to be back today to share this message with you. Now, imagine you had no house to live in, and no clean water to drink for a day. Would you be happy with that? What if it weren't for a day, but for your entire life? How would you feel? Well, I wanted to find out, so I went on a trip to India.

I've been doing voluntary work since Primary 6, spending most of my time in orphanages in China. After I graduated from university, I joined a charity organisation and visited India. I was shocked to see how the children lived there. I spent three months in India, helping to set up orphanages. When I came back to Hong Kong, I set up 'Home with Hope' with a group of other volunteers. 'Home with Hope' is an organisation that tries to find permanent homes for orphans. So far, we have placed more than 100 children in families all over the world. There are many needy people out there, and we can all do our part to help, no matter how big or small.

I encourage you to look and think beyond the comfort of your own lives, and make a difference to someone else's life. It's true what people say: it's more rewarding to give than to receive.

Thank you.



You can use contractions in your speech.

As an **ending**, thank the audience.

**Introduce yourself** after the greeting.

In the **opening section**, use **questions** or include an **interesting statement** to draw the audience's attention.

In the **body** of the speech, express your ideas in a **logical order**.

In the **closing section**, **briefly give the key points** or **ask the audience to take action**.

Tick (✓) the best answers.

- ① How did the speaker draw the attention of the audience?
- a. by giving an interesting statement       b. by asking questions
- c. by giving a greeting       d. by making a thank-you statement
- ② What is the main purpose of the speech above?
- a. to introduce a charity organisation       b. to talk about children in India
- c. to praise an ex-student       d. to encourage students to help the poor