

# Speech

- Start with a good salutation.
- Understand well the topic asked in the question.
- Introduce the topic and situation.
- Imagine the persons possible to be present and accordingly address the guests and audience.
- Use quotations or proverbs relevant to the context and ask rhetorical questions.
- Express your own views and ideas and provide examples to substantiate such views.
- Keep the flow of speech unbroken and change the topic logically if needed.
- Gradually and effectively move to the end summing up the topic.
- If you owe to express gratitude or special mentioning, do it and conclude effectively thanking the audience.

**Q 1: *The Youth Welfare Organization has decided to honour Mr John for his valuable contributions towards uplifting the maladjusted and the delinquent youths of the society. Being the secretary of the organization, you are asked to deliver a felicitation speech. Prepare the speech.***

Honourable president, our esteemed chief guest Mr. John and dear friends: I am very much delighted in having got an opportunity to share a few words with you on this occasion. We have assembled here to witness a noble function of honoring Mr. John for his unique services he has been rendering in the field of rehabilitating the needy youths of our society.

“Man proposes, but God disposes!” As the maxim says, we cannot rewrite our destiny. Mr. John’s life substantiates that great truth. Once he transgressed and led a loose life in his youthful days. He gambled to find money for his pleasures. He lost everything and he even stole some amount from his work-place. Finally having lost everything, he resolved to end his own life. Luck alone saved him. Kind-hearted persons like Dr A J Conin helped and brought him back to a normal life.

I’m very proud and happy to tell you that Mr. John has already paid all the debt he owed to the society. He and his wife have been travelling to different parts of the world to experience and execute the charity work among the maladjusted and delinquent youths. We have a lot to learn from the life-story of Mr. John. A timely intervention of three good people saved a young man and the young man in return keeps on serving our society!

A tiny deed of goodness can sometimes change the life of a man and a society. That’s what has happened in the case of Mr. John. Let me congratulate Mr. John on behalf of our Youth Welfare

Organization on his achievements and let me conclude my speech with much pleasure. Thank you all, thanks a lot!

**Q 2: Martha talked in the award ceremony about the troubles she had undergone before getting the scholarship jacket. Prepare the likely speech delivered by Martha in the ceremony.** (From SCERT Question Pool)

Respected principal, teachers and dear friends, a warm good morning to all of you:

Paulo Coelho said 'When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.' I had a strong wish. Today I attained it. Hence I feel highly delighted to stand before you and speak a few words about my life. I was fighting against my fate. Do you know how much I suffered in my life? I was born in a poor family. My father was a poor farm labourer. He was unable to bear the expenses of my studies. So, I was sent to my grandfather. I was not allowed to join in any sports items because I couldn't afford the charges. But I was not ready to surrender. I know.... I know that to be a champion you have to believe in yourself, when no one else will. I believed in myself.

I worked hard to win the scholarship jacket. It was something worthier than money. Today I'm before you with this jacket. Friends, you must bear in mind that there are four pillars on which you can build the platform, to reach the zenith of success. These are Dedication, Devotion, Discipline and Determination. I had to fight a lot. The difficulties I faced made me sharper.

I have to say that my teachers, friends and well - wishers stood by me to achieve this merit. I take this opportunity to thank all of them. My grandpa had helped me a lot and I now realise his greatness. Honours cannot be bought but should be received on the basis of merit. He taught me the real value of life. Let me conclude my words expressing my sincere gratitude to all of you for supporting me to achieve this honour. Thank you and have a nice day.

More practice questions from SCERT question pool

1. The story 'Vanka' focuses on the issue of Child Rights. Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Parliamentary Club of your school. You are asked to prepare a speech on the 'Importance of Child Rights'. Prepare the speech.
  2. 'No animal is harmed in the production of this film.' You might have noticed this statement at the beginning of a film. Do you think that animals are not harmed while shooting films? Prepare a speech in response to this statement.
  3. Imagine that Mr. Schmidt speaks in the award function about his arguments regarding the selection of students to award the scholarship jacket. How would it be? Prepare the likely speech delivered by Mr. Schmidt.
  4. 'Our tutor tried to dispel my illusion with sound advice and a resounding slap.' Do you think it is the duty of the teacher to bring confidence in children? Prepare a speech based on this topic.
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