Task: Problem–Solution Speech (B2 Level)

Task type: Guided public speaking task with supportive features
Time: 1–2 minutes speaking
Skill focus: Organisation, vocabulary, fluency, recommendations

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Your Task

Prepare and deliver a **problem–solution speech** on the topic given by your teacher (or choose one from the list below).

You must: - clearly describe **one problem** - explain **why it is important** - give **2–3 solutions or recommendations** - use **supporting vocabulary and linking words**

Step-by-step Support

Step 1. Choose a topic

☐ Stress among students
☐ Overuse of smartphones
☐ Environmental pollution
☐ Lack of motivation to study
☐ Problems of online learning

Step 2. Plan your speech (notes only)

1️⃣ Introduction – present the problem

Use ONE of the starters: - One of the most serious problems today is... - Today I would like to talk about the issue of... - Nowadays, many people are affected by...

✏️ Notes:

2️⃣ Problem – causes and effects

Use these phrases: - This problem is caused by... - One of the main reasons is... - As a result,... - This has a negative impact on...

✏️ Notes:

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3️⃣ Solutions – recommendations

Give **2–3 solutions**. Use modal verbs.

Useful phrases: - One possible solution would be to... - Another effective way to deal with this problem is... - Schools / governments / individuals should... - It would be beneficial if...

Modal verbs: **should | must | could | might**

✏️ Solutions: 1. 2. 3.

4️⃣ Conclusion – summary + action

Choose ONE ending: - To sum up, this problem can be solved if... - In conclusion, it is essential to take action because... - If these measures are taken, the situation will improve.

✏️ Notes:

Helpful Linking Words (use at least 3)

- **Cause & effect:** because, due to, as a result, therefore
- **Addition:** moreover, furthermore, in addition
- **Contrast:** however, although, despite
- **Sequencing:** firstly, secondly, finally

Useful Vocabulary (B2)

Problems: - increasing pressure - lack of awareness - unhealthy habits - poor time management - limited access to

Solutions: - raise awareness - provide support - introduce programmes - encourage responsible behaviour - improve access to

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Speaking Checklist (for self- or peer assessment)

☐ I described the problem clearly
☐ I explained causes and effects
☐ I gave at least 2 solutions
☐ I used linking words
☐ I used modal verbs
☐ My speech was clear and organised

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