

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

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
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Step 2. Plan your speech (notes only)

1 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:

2 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:

3 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.

4 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
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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

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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