



## Public Speaker



### Badge Overview

They call it stage presence: the ability to be yourself and make a connection with people—even a crowd of people—and seem comfortable the entire time. And a great presenters' talent for conveying their points clearly and powerfully is useful everywhere, not just in politics or on the stage. Luckily, you don't have to be born with these skills! When you've earned this badge, you'll have found your inner performer and be unafraid to speak up.

### Badge Components Part 1

#### 1. Get a feel for performing solo

Earn this step by going to this [link](#) and selecting a speech from their list of the top 100 American political speeches of the 20th century.

- Watch the speech, and then use the text version to read it aloud yourself! You can record a video of yourself or practice in a mirror to get a feel for how you do.

#### 2. Focus on body language

Earn this by acting out 8 different animals, famous people, or actions with no words, just focusing on your face and body movements. Video yourself and see how convincing you were!

- For more fun, you can turn this into a round of charades with others! Take turns acting things out with little to no talking and see if the others can guess correctly.

#### 3. Find your voice

Earn this step by practicing your words with the fun tongue twisters below!

- How quickly can you say them without messing up?
  - Round the rough and rugged rock the ragged rascal rudely ran.
  - Ingenious iguanas improvising an intricate impromptu on impossibly-impractical instruments.
  - Betty Botter had some butter, "But," she said, "this butter's bitter. If I bake this bitter butter, it would make my batter bitter. But a bit of better butter—that would make my batter better." So she bought a bit of butter, better than her bitter butter, and she baked it in her batter, and the batter was not bitter. So 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter.
- To make things more challenging, try to convey each of the emotions below as you say the tongue twisters!
  - Excitement
  - Sadness
  - Anger

### Materials

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- Access to internet

### Florida Educational Standards

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## Badge Components Part 2

### 4. Choose or create a piece to perform

Earn this step by choosing one of the writing options below and create your own original piece(s)!

- Prepare a speech about something you care about (500+ words)
- Create a monologue for a character in a play, movie, or book (300+ words)
- Write 3 poems about any topic you'd like (50+ words each)

### 5. Get onstage!

Earn this step by presenting to an audience! It is time to share your creation from step 4 with your family at home.

- Check out the tips below on things to remember for your performance!
  - Dress for success and stand up straight so you look and feel confident!
  - Practice in the area you will perform to get comfortable in the space.
  - Speak slowly and loud enough for your audience to hear you.
  - Breathe, brush off any mistakes and just keep going!

## Public Speaking (continued)



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