12 Effective Speech Tips and Checks

Speech Topics Help provides a checklist for selecting a topic, and for preparing an outline. This site also provides links to checklists for "good" speeches, "best" speeches and "interesting" speeches.

http://www.speech-topics-help.com/effective-speech.html

25 Transitional Phrases That Will Make Your Next Speech Like Butter

If you are having trouble varying your transitional statements, here is a list of 25 phrases you can use. There are also links available at the bottom of the page to help you with other parts of the speech-writing process.

http://tinyurl.com/k5wovge

Difference between Delivery Outline and Preparation Outline

This is a quick guide to the differences between a preparation outline and a delivery, or speaking, outline. The page offers an introduction, a definition of each outline, and a summary table.

http://tinyurl.com/mzwpqk9

The Elements of Style

The Elements of Style by William Strunk Jr. is a website of common basic errors, and how to avoid them. The front page is a collection of links that lead to explanations and examples of each error.

http://bartleby.com/141/

How to Write a Thesis Statement

This Indiana University writing page is dedicated entirely to writing a thesis statement. The page covers what a thesis statement is, and why it is important. The page also explains how to write a thesis statement, and how to tell if it is weak or strong.

http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/thesis_statement.shtml

Informative Speech Organizational Patterns - Examples

Here is a list of examples for each type of organizational pattern. The patterns you will find in this pdf are chronological, spatial, causal, problem/solution and topical.

http://mrsheets.com/upj/docs/Informative%20Speech%20Organizational%20Patterns.pdf

Outlining a Speech

The Public Speakers' Page is a collection of links to pages with information to help you prepare, organize and outline your speech. There are also links to help with research, practice and delivery.

http://www.hawaii.edu/mauispeech/html/outlining_a_speech.html

Patterns of Organization

Here you will find definitions and example of each type of organizational pattern. Some of the patterns you will read about are the chronological pattern, the topical pattern and the spatial pattern.

http://faculty.washington.edu/ezent/impo.htm

Speech Preparation #1: How to Prepare a Presentation

This website is a guide to preparing a speech, with a series of in-depth articles explaining each step. The main page is an overview on preparing a speech, and it contains links to each article in the series.

http://sixminutes.dlugan.com/speech-preparation-1-how-to-prepare-presentation/

Thought Patterns for Persuasive Speaking

The steps of Monroe's Motivated Sequence are outlined on this website. The page also briefly touches on problem-solution speeches, and pro-con speeches.

http://department.monm.edu/cata/mcgaan/classes/cata101/PersuasiveOrganization.htm