

Tips for filming

Now that you have written your speech and are ready to wow the world with your ideas and passion, the final thing to do is record it. However, it would be a shame if all your hard work was lost because of a bad recording. Follow the tips below, and your speech will speak for itself!

Don't worry too much

That being said, don't worry about your recording too much. The beauty in *filming* a speech is that you can have infinite retakes! But don't get hung up on minor things either, this should be a fun experience.

What to film your speech with

Almost everything has a camera these days, but here are some ideas for what you can use:

- Your or someone else's phone – if using a phone, ideally use the back camera
 - Someone else can film you
 - You can film yourself by using a selfie stick
 - You can film yourself by propping your phone on a chair, a table, a bookshelf or similar
 - If you can't do any of the above, you can hold the phone in your hand, but you'll get best results from any of the previous options
- Your computer – computers usually have cameras, just make sure the quality is better than you would get from a different source (and avoid filming yourself from below!)
- A camera or film camera – if you have access to these, they will likely produce really high-quality films

Location

The spot you choose for your recording is really important. The list below gives you an idea of what to consider when choosing a location:

- Quiet – find a spot that doesn't have too much noise, whether that's from a road, from a fan or from your family
- Light – you want to face the light source, not have it behind you
- Background – the best would be a one-coloured wall, but any background that doesn't have dirty dishes or your little brother picking his nose is good!
- Sound – you want to avoid places that have echoes

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Composition

How you position the camera is also important. Here are a few tips on composition:

- View – if you use a phone, film yourself in portrait view, which means holding your phone like you normally would. This is a good view for sharing on social media!
- Angle – angle the camera straight at you, so that you don't film yourself from below or above

The filming

A few final points to consider:

- Try to look into the camera if you can
- Don't cover the mic
- Don't zoom in

Good luck, and remember – have fun!

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