T.U.S.C. The Unique Speaking Club

Chairperson – It is the chairperson’s job to keep the meeting going

and make sure everything starts and stops on time. Each speaker will

have up to two minutes for their presentation.

The chairperson will start by saying “I now call this meeting to order.”

They will go through the agenda, or list of people, thank previous

presenters and introduce the next presenters. For example, they

might say, “Thank you Lori, that was a very interesting news story.

Next, Brian has our first joke of the day.”

Local News – When presenting a local news story, the subject of the

story is not important. What matters is that the story either takes place

in the Regina area, or involves people from here. For example, the

Roughriders won the Grey Cup in 2007. Even though this happened

in Toronto, this was still a major local news story.

www.leaderpost.com/index.html

BREAK

Sports Report – If it is your turn to present the local sports report, you may choose any sport you are interested in at the moment.

Remember that this is NEWS, so your story has to be from the last

week. Please do not simply read scores from a certain league. Try to

focus on news about people involved in sports. www.tsn.ca

Book Review – This is your opportunity to share your favourite, or least

favourite book with your classmates. Be sure to name the book and

author (and illustrator, if there is one), and describe what you liked or

disliked about the book. It is helpful to bring a copy of the book with

you when you present this category.

BREAK

National News -When presenting a national news story, the subject of

the story is not important. What matters is that the story either takes

place in Canada, or involves people from Canada. For example,

Team Canada’s performances at the summer games took place in

China but were major national news stories. www.cbc.ca/news/canada

Movie Review -This is your opportunity to share your favourite, or least

favourite movie with your classmates. Be sure to list the actors and

actresses in the movie, and a brief summary of the story (don’t give

away the ending!), and describe what you liked or disliked about the

movie.

BREAK

International News – Because most of the news we hear and read

comes from Canada, international news stories tend to be more

significant, and often tragic, events. Please practice saying the

names of the people and places involved, as these can be difficult.

Also, you should be able to locate the setting of the news story on a

globe. www.cnn.com/WORLD/

Joke #1 – Telling a joke is not as easy as you might think! For the jokes

in our T.U.S.C. meetings, we are not looking for knock-knock jokes or

one-liners. Try to find a joke that is more complicated and practice

telling it aloud to your family members. It should last between one

and two minutes. www.prongo.com/jokes/index.asp

BREAK

Commercial Break #1 – As the presenter of a commercial break, your

task is to invent a new product and create an original, effective

commercial for it. Think about the various advertising strategies that

companies use. Don’t be afraid to come in costume, or with a wacky

product to show us.

Video Game Review -This is your opportunity to share your favourite,

or least favourite video game with your classmates. Be sure to name

the game and the system it belongs to, its rating, and describe what

you liked or disliked about it. It is not necessary to bring a copy of the game with you when you present this category.

BREAK

Hawrylak News – We are part of a very busy school, and this week it is

your job to find out more about something going on in the school.

There are many approaches you can take to this presentation. You

might interview a member of our sports teams, let people know about

an SRC spirit day, and so on. Listen to the announcements every

morning, as these will give you the start you are looking for!

Website/App Report – Good websites/apps can be hard to find, but this week it is your job. With your parents’ help, find an educational and fun

website or app that features interactive learning for students your age.

We will show the website on a laptop during the presentation, so be sure

to email the URL to sherri.foster@rbe.sk.ca by the night before.

Wshawrylak.rbe.sk.ca/newsletter OR wshawrylak.rbe.sk.ca

BREAK

Community Hall of Fame – Here is your chance to recognize a

member of our community who does not receive the thanks they

might deserve. You must choose a community member who you

think is special and tell us about them. What do they do to help in the

community? Why do they do this? How many people do they help?

This Week for the Famous – Musicians, actors’actresses and sports stars live crazy and very public lives. For your report this week, tell us about some of the things that famous people have been up to. You

could also let us know about new hit songs, albums or movies. Be sure to

know the names of the musicians who recorded them or actors that play in them, though. www.bopandtigerbeat.com/celebs/

BREAK

Geography Lesson – There are so many places in this world that we

know so little about. Please choose a country from another part of

the world. Show it on a globe, and name its continent. Also, you

should briefly describe what life is like for the people who live there.

What languages do they speak? What are their major industries?

What is their capital city? Who is their leader?

Artist Profile – The world of art has seen some amazing artists over the

centuries. Choose one (it could be someone very famous, or even

someone from our community) and tell us about their life and times,

their homeland, and show us examples of their most important works.

Library.thinkquest.org/J001159/famart.htm

BREAK

Animal Curiosities – Animals come in all shapes and sizes and are able

to live in the most incredible ways. Tell us about an animal you have

learned about, where and how it lives, and what amazing or strange

ability or feature it has that makes it well suited to its habitat.

Animal.disovery.com/wild-animals

This Week in History – Get ready to do some time traveling! This week

you will need to find a major news story from recent to “ancient”

history that occurred during this week in history.

Create a "4 Pics One Word" - Find a word that you can represent with four different pictures, which you can draw or copy. Be sure to explain how each pic represents your word after the class has guessed.

BREAK

Survey Monkey: Create a question for survey monkey. Share the results.

You will be marked on your speaking and listening skills.

Speaking:

Criteria

5 points

3 points

1 point

Pronunciation/

Diction

Easy to understand; few errors in grammar and pronunciation

Many errors in pronunciation, but can be understood

Very difficult to understand

Fluency

Speaks with ease; speech flows; appropriate pitch and tone and expression

Speaks with some ease; mostly flows with mostly appropriate pitch, tone and expression

Does not speak with ease; choppy; little expression or change in pitch or tone

Content/Ideas

Central idea is supported with details and examples

Central idea is not fully developed

Central idea is not clear

Presentation

Appropriate eye contact and facial expression; audience is engaged

Some eye contact and facial expression;Is overcoming timidness

Little eye contact or facial expression; detached from audience