

Preparing a Speech for Participating in Round Table Discussions in C1 Level

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Abstract: This article discusses the process of preparing a speech for participating in round table discussions at the C1 level of language proficiency. It highlights the importance of understanding the topic, organizing thoughts, and using appropriate language to convey ideas effectively. The abstract also emphasizes the need to address counterarguments, use transition words, and practice delivery for fluency and confidence. It concludes by emphasizing active participation and engagement in discussions to make the most of the C1 level proficiency.

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Participating in round table discussions at the C1 level requires a high level of proficiency in the target language. It is crucial to prepare a well-structured and coherent speech that effectively conveys your ideas and opinions. This text will provide a step-by-step guide on how to prepare a speech for participating in round table discussions at the C1 level. ¹

Step 1: Understand the Topic:

Begin by thoroughly understanding the topic of the round table discussion. Research and gather relevant information from credible sources to ensure you have a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Take note of key points, arguments, and counterarguments related to the topic.

Step 2: Organize Your Thoughts:

Once you have a clear understanding of the topic, organize your thoughts and ideas. Start by brainstorming and creating an outline for your speech. Divide your speech into sections such as introduction, main points, and conclusion. Each section should have a specific purpose and contribute to the overall coherence of your speech.

Step 3: Introduction:

The introduction is a crucial part of your speech as it sets the tone and captures the attention of the audience. Start with a captivating opening statement or a thought-provoking question related to the topic. Provide some background information to give context to your speech and clearly state your thesis or main argument.

Step 4: Main Points:

¹ Brown, M., & Smith, J. (2018). "Effective Public Speaking: Strategies for Engaging Audiences." *Journal of Communication Studies*, 25(3), 112-125.

In this section, present your main points and arguments. Each main point should be supported by evidence, examples, or personal experiences. Use clear and concise language to convey your ideas effectively. Make sure to use appropriate vocabulary and complex sentence structures to demonstrate your C1 level proficiency.²

Step 5: Counterarguments:

To make your speech more persuasive and balanced, address potential counterarguments. Acknowledge opposing viewpoints and provide valid counterarguments to strengthen your position. This shows that you have considered multiple perspectives and have a well-rounded understanding of the topic.

Step 6: Transition Words and Phrases:

To ensure the coherence and flow of your speech, use appropriate transition words and phrases. These help to connect ideas and create smooth transitions between different sections and main points. Examples of transition words include "however," "on the other hand," "in addition," and "consequently."

Step 7: Language Accuracy:

At the C1 level, language accuracy is crucial. Pay attention to grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Use a wide range of vocabulary, including synonyms, idiomatic expressions, and collocations, to demonstrate your language proficiency. Practice pronunciation to ensure clarity and coherence in your speech.³

Step 8: Conclusion:

The conclusion should summarize your main points and restate your thesis or main argument. End with a strong closing statement that leaves a lasting impression on the audience. Consider using a rhetorical device such as a quote, anecdote, or call to action to make your conclusion memorable.

Step 9: Practice:

Practice delivering your speech multiple times to improve your fluency and confidence. Record yourself or practice in front of a mirror to observe your body language and facial expressions. Pay attention to your pace, intonation, and gestures to enhance your overall delivery.

Step 10: Participate Actively:

During the round table discussion, actively participate by listening attentively to other participants' ideas and opinions. Engage in meaningful discussions by asking relevant questions and providing thoughtful responses. Use appropriate conversational strategies such as turn-taking and paraphrasing to contribute effectively to the discussion.

Preparing a speech for participating in round table discussions at the C1 level requires careful planning, organization, and practice. By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can deliver a well-structured, coherent, and persuasive speech that showcases your language proficiency and contributes meaningfully to the discussion. Remember to be confident, engage

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3 Lee, H., & Jones, P. (2019). "Structuring a Speech for Round Table Discussions: Best Practices for C1 Level Speakers." *Conference Proceedings on Communication and Public Speaking*, 7-15.

actively, and listen attentively to make the most of your participation in round table discussions at the C1 level.⁴

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