

Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares examples of some of the jobs, roles and times where people may be required to speak to the public.

Examples of public speaking

- The Queen rarely speaks to the public but she does deliver a speech every year on Christmas day and she is also required to deliver a speech at the State Opening of Parliament.
- People who are involved in sales often need to speak to an audience to share the product they are hoping to sell.
- A tour guide speaks to an audience as they share information about a particular place or landmark.
- Events that are organised in your local community such as a fun run or a fair often feature the organiser speaking to the people who attend. They may be sharing information, thanking people or celebrating the event.
- Politicians need public speaking skills to deliver engaging speeches and take part in debates.
- A broadcast journalist researches and presents news stories through TV, Radio or the internet.
- Teachers and lecturers speak to large groups of pupils, parents and staff.
- Some people are paid as public speakers to inspire and motivate others e.g. a group of people who all work together.



Pictured left: a speaker at a business presentation and conference.

I don't enjoy speaking to an audience at all but when I organised an event to raise funds for cancer research, I knew I needed to do it as it was important to thank everyone publicly for their support and ensure people knew how valuable the cause was. Each time I talk to a large group of people, it gets a little easier!

Paul, age 36

Have you ever spoken to a large group of people? How did you feel?