

Ideas for Speech Topics

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At some point, many of us run out of ideas for speeches. Here's a few thoughts that might help you get started.

- **Good Books** – When Richard spoke about *Who Moved My Cheese*, my ears perked up. I had heard about that book and wanted to know more. JJ has read *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* and I'm currently trying to peer pressure her into telling us about it.
- **Travel** – When people tell you about their travel stories, it's the next best thing to going yourself. I also liked how Sylvia gave practical information about teaching overseas. It makes it that much easier to consider the possibilities. I'd love to hear a speech about how to get travel deals. Anybody?
- **Hobbies & Skills** – If there's something that you love to do, your passion will come through in your speech. Maybe you'll be so convincing that you'll give one of us a new hobby. If you don't have a hobby, you could explore the possibilities in an informational speech. For example, you could tell us the difference between the 1900 martial arts out there.
- **Life Skills** – I don't know about you, but I'd love to go back and take that life skills course that they teach in high school. How about something on stress management, time management or money management? We can always use new tips.
- **Public Speaking Tips** – The one common purpose we have is Toastmasters. We're all here to be better speakers. If you could give an informational speech and give us practical tips, you'd have a captivated audience.

If you have any ideas about speech topics, please let me know. I'd love to do a follow-up piece...

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