

My Speech Writing Checklist

- Do you have three distinct and well-thought-out contentions?
- Do you have evidence (research) to support these contentions?
- Does your introduction briefly state the problem?
- Does your introduction include topic sentences that elude to your contentions?
- Does your introduction transition to your first contention paragraph well?
- Does your first contention paragraph include a topic sentence that firmly states your first contention?
- Do the assertions you make in the first paragraph make logical sense with your first contention?
- Are all of your assertions in the first paragraph supported by evidence?
- Does your first contention transition well to your second?
- Does your second contention paragraph include a topic sentence that firmly states your second contention?
- Do the assertions you make in the second paragraph make logical sense with your second contention?
- Are all of you assertions in the second paragraph supported by evidence?
- Does your second contention transition well to your third?
- Does your third contention paragraph include a topic sentence that firmly states your third contention?

- Do the assertions you make in the third paragraph make logical sense with your third contention?
- Are all of your assertions in the third paragraph supported by evidence?
- Does your conclusion briefly restate your contentions?
- Does your conclusion encourage the other senators to vote a certain way?
- Does all evidence you cite include a source name and date?
- Does your speech include words you can't pronounce easily?
- Is your speech the right length? Can you make your speech in less than three minutes but more than two minutes?
- Can you easily modify your speech so that it is an affirmation or negation speech if your legislation isn't chosen?