

“Speech & Debate”

COURSE OUTLINE

From First Words to Confident Debate

A five-unit journey from a child's very first sentence to a full structured debate.
Each unit builds directly on the skills learned before it, so confidence grows step by step — never a leap too far.
Every lesson is hands-on, playful and built for young learners, while quietly introducing the real tools professional speakers use.

● **SPEAKER SKILL** + ◆ **RHETORICAL FRAMEWORK** = ★ **ONE LESSON**

A delivery habit paired with a named speaking strategy — both grow more advanced with every unit.

UNIT 1



Foundations of Rhetoric

The building blocks every unit uses: message, structure, reasons and appeals.

IB FOCUS

Communication
Self-Management
Risk-Taking
Sharing the Planet

- 1 Every Speaker Has a Message
- 2 The Power of Three
- 3 Beginning, Middle and End
- 4 Who Am I? ★
- 5 Give a Reason
- 6 Head, Heart and Trust
- 7 Listen and Respond
- 8 Protecting Our Planet ★

UNIT 2



Speeches

Message, structure and reason combine into one full persuasive speech.

IB FOCUS

Communication
Self-Management
Reflective Thinking
How We Express Ourselves

- 1 Foundations Review
- 2 What Is a Speech?
- 3 Explain Your Dream
- 4 Tell a Small Story
- 5 Ask the Audience to Act
- 6 Map Your Dream Speech
- 7 Rehearse and Echo
- 8 My Dream ★

UNIT 3



Presentations

The same structure and confidence now teach rather than persuade, using visual aids.

IB FOCUS

Research Skills
Self-Management
Inquiry
Risk-Taking

- 1 Speaking Skills Review
- 2 Teach the Audience Something
- 3 Build to Your Best Point
- 4 Use Pictures and Objects
- 5 Make It Interesting
- 6 Signpost Your Talk
- 7 Ready for Questions
- 8 My Mini TED Talk ★

UNIT 4



Discussions

Solo delivery shifts to real-time listening, responding and group thinking.

IB FOCUS

Social Skills
Open-Mindedness
Principled Action
Sharing the Planet

- 1 Communication Review
- 2 What Is a Discussion?
- 3 Listen and Say It Back
- 4 Add to an Idea
- 5 Which Idea Is Better?
- 6 Map the Problem
- 7 Reach a Recommendation
- 8 How Can We Make a Greener Community? ★

UNIT 5



Debates

Argument-building, audience interaction and teamwork converge in the course finale.

IB FOCUS

Communication
Social Skills
Open-Mindedness
Principled Action

- 1 Grand Course Review
- 2 Two Different Sides
- 3 Build a Simple Argument
- 4 Answer the Other Side
- 5 Give Your Best Reason
- 6 Build a Team Case
- 7 Take the Floor Together
- 8 Capstone Debate ★

BY GRADUATION, YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO:



Stand and speak confidently in front of an audience



Organize ideas into a clear beginning, middle and end



Support an opinion with reasons and examples



Tell a story with a hook and a call to action



Explain a favourite topic using visuals



Listen closely and respond respectfully



Build and defend a simple argument



Work as a team in a structured debate



Hands-on Learning



Real-World Speaking Tools



Progressive Step-by-Step Learning



Pre-IB Values in Action