

## Evaluation Comments:

Comments on each other's evaluation forms can help a body build on his/her strengths, and correct weaknesses in future public speaking assignments; or they can devastate a person, discouraging them so badly that they give up trying to improve.

Study the list of comments taken from student evaluation forms to help you produce effective evaluations which will help your classmates. Keep it as a guide when you evaluate classmates in the future.

**These comments are devastating (definitely not helpful, don't use)**

This speech sucked. Get a life.

Boring. Make it interesting.

Too simple. Need some good ideas.

Lame.

**These kinds of comments can be very helpful:**

The order of events was clear.

It kept my attention because it was funny.

Speed up the pace - you talked too slowly.

Smile more, it would make it seem like you weren't nervous.

Try to pause silently instead of saying "um" so much.

Plan some phrases or words with emotion in them.

Chronological order was perfect for the topic.

Eye contact kept me paying attention.

Instead of trying to talk about so many things, pick 2 or 3 next time.

Very casual and comfortable in front of the audience.

Smooth delivery.

Good transitions tied parts of speech together.

Tone was very friendly.

You didn't seem at all nervous.

Speech sort of dropped off at end; maybe write a more definite conclusion.

Fidgeting was distracting. Grab the podium next time.

I like how you started with a rhetorical question.

Audience participation was a nice touch.

Really excellent feeling conveyed that you wanted to communicate - it made me want to listen.

Talked too fast; maybe practice with tape recorder or a student next time.

You were happy to be here.  
 Eye contact was kind of "sweeping"; hold it for a second or two per person  
 You included repetition and now I remember what he likes.  
 Visualization in intro gave me something to concentrate on.  
 Emphasized all sentence endings; practice with other words in sentence  
 for a change.  
 Seemed distracted by audience; don't make eye contact with people you  
 know will try to make you laugh.  
 Very creative intro - I liked the game.  
 Voice was enthusiastic.  
 You read the speech. Just put down words instead of the whole speech.  
 Too fast. I missed the good parts.  
 Smile, you're among friends.  
 Sentences ran into each other. Try to pause at periods.  
 The music caught my attention.  
 You can move away from the podium a little.  
 You started the ending with "in conclusion" so I knew you were about to  
 finish.  
 Good order from past to future.  
 Seemed excited about this topic.  
 Your organization was very clear and parts of talk flowed naturally.  
 Spent too much time on poster; divide up the time to the different parts  
 of the speech.  
 Specifically, I liked the basketball part best because I like basketball and  
 that happened to me one time.  
 Focused on only one thing but it was good.  
 Couldn't hear. Yell and you'll probably be talking normal.  
 I liked the definitions in the beginning.  
 Asking a question and waiting for someone to answer was hard to do.  
 Good topic. Trip to Mexico was original and informative to lots of people.  
 Used some good "tools" for dealing with nerves like breathing.

**Comments are OK, but not very helpful for improving anything:**

Nice.	Eye contact	Needs work
Good job.	Good attitude	Nervous
Make it longer.	Audience	Nothing wrong
Too long.	Monotone	Too short
Very well done.	Good detail	Conclusion
More gestures.	Interesting	Introduction