



§ A WORKSHOP REQUIRING NO PREPARATION §

1-1 Chaplin Speech Purpose/Procedure/Results

Impromptu Speaking Exercises

What is Chaplin Speech

Charles Chaplin, comedy king, was poor at speaking. He practiced impromptu speeches using miscellaneous things around him in order to improve his speaking skills. Consequently he was capable of making any speeches any time. That is why the exercise is named Chaplin Speech. It is an impromptu speech which is unpredictable as you do not know when, who and what kind of speech is required.

Purpose

To achieve heartfelt impromptu speeches.

Resource Needed

Timer

Procedure

1. The leader gives the first speaker an everyday theme. The first speaker speaks for one minute. The leader signals when the time is up.
2. The first speaker names the next speaker and gives her (him) a new theme.
3. When the second speaker finishes their one minute speech, s(he) names the next speaker and a new theme.
4. Repeat the above until all participants have spoken.

Applications

- This can be used as “Issues of the Day” .
- When there is a leftover time in the program, this is suitable to fill it.

Conclusion / Results

1. While listening to speeches, next speaker can only concentrate on the current speech, since next theme will not be informed until the speech finishes.
2. Speaker improves flexibility and resilience by being suddenly assigned a new theme.
3. By repeating Chaplin Speech, we can see improvement in impromptu speaking.