

Making an Outline for your speech

Here are questions you can answer to help you define the different parts of your argument.

1. **Claim:** I want the audience to believe _____ (this is your thesis).
2. **Grounds (data):** They should believe this because (list reasons).
3. **Warrant:** How do I show that the grounds prove the claim? Warrants may be based on [logos, ethos or pathos](#), or [values](#) that are assumed to be shared with the listener.
4. **Backing:** Can I find some extra input that supports my warrant? Who is my audience? Do they have the same warrants that I have? What warrants do my audience and I have in common? What evidence or reasons can I give to make my audience believe we have common ground?
5. **Rebuttal:** What are the other positions on this issue? Which ones do I need to discuss in my paper? How can I show that my position is better?
6. **Qualifier:** Should I state my argument in absolute terms (always, never, the best, the worst) or add some probable terms (sometimes, probably, if, or possibly)?

Then you just have to turn it into a speech.

Here is a list of claims that you can choose from:

- Immigration and foreigners are the reason that the US is losing jobs!
- The US will be better off if all illegal immigrants are given US citizenship!
- Women should not be on the labour market!
- Abortion should be legal/illegal! (your choice)
- Mexicans are criminals!
- Guns must be prohibited in the US!
- Drugs should be legal/illegal! (your choice)

Here's a short example:

Claim: You should use a hearing aid.

Grounds: Over 70% of all people over 65 years have a hearing difficulty.

Warrant: A hearing aid helps most people to hear better.

Backing (support): Hearing aids are available locally.

Qualifier: Hearing aids help most people.

Rebuttal: Some people are old and find it difficult to use hightech products, so there is a support desk that deals with technical problems.