

Questions & Answers About Demonstrations

What is a Demonstration?

A demonstration is very similar to a “show and tell”. 4-Hers give a report (speech) on a subject you are interested in and have visual aids such as posters to help show what you are talking about. There is a section later that will give examples of visual aids.

How long should a demonstration be?

A demonstration for DPA should be no less than 5 minutes and no longer than 6 minutes.

How many posters should I have?

There is no set numbers of posters required. The number of posters will depend on the information being given. Typical Demonstrations for 4th, 5th and 6th graders would probably include 3 or 4 posters. There should be a cover or title poster and the other posters should help explain the topic by using words and pictures.

Do I have an assigned topic?

No. You can do your demonstration on any subject you choose. Think of your interests and hobbies when deciding on your topic. Choose something that you already know a little about or that you want to learn more about. Only 3 students can enter the same topic area though, so the best demonstrations in that area will represent Ware County at the District Competition.

What is DPA?

DPA is a District competition where 4-Hers present a demonstration. Each participant competes against other students in their same project category. DPA is held in Alma, GA. Students win ribbons and are invited to participate in a County Award Activity. We provide transportation to DPA.

Parts of a Demonstration Speech

Introduction

The introduction is where you state your name, grade, school and the topic of your demonstration. This lets your audience know a little about you and what you are going to tell them about. You want to use enthusiasm to get them interested in your topic. This section may be as short as 30-40 seconds.

Body

The body is the section that is going to have the most information in it. This is where you give all the details about your topic. For examples, if your topic is “Backyard Birds”, you would give information on types of birds found in the area, what they might eat, what type houses or nest they live in, and how to attract them to your yard. This section could be any where from 3 to 5 minutes. It will be important to stay on topic and progress through in an orderly manner.

Conclusion

The conclusion is an important part of the speech. This is where you will summarize what you have discussed in the body of the speech. This time, though, you will not go into detail. Maybe just give a list of the main topics you covered. Summarizing gives your audience a chance remember what you said and reinforces about your subject and helps them to remember.



Visual Aids will help show what your speech is about. Examples of visual aids are posters, models, and/or actual items. Live animals and weapons are not allowed.

How To Do A 4-H Project!

Step 1 – Pick a topic that is interesting to you. This may be a topic that you already know a little about and want to learn more. Sign up by calling 287-2456 at the 4-H office and declare your topic. We will tell you if that topic is full or available.

Step 2 – Do a little research. Find out more on the subject of your choice. When researching, have a couple of questions in mind and find the answer to them.

Step 3 – Read through your research material. Create an outline of the information you want to cover in your demonstration.

Step 4 – Write out (in your own words) what you want to say. Your total demonstration should be 5 to 6 minutes long. Be sure to stay in order and on topic.

Step 5 – Now that you have what you are going to say, you need a way to help show what you are talking about. Posters do this well. The topic outline could be a plan for your posters. You will first need a cover poster. Like the cover of a book, your cover poster will have a title and picture that will let your audience know what your demonstration is about and should capture their interest. Follow your outline for your other posters. The number of posters you will need depends on the amount of information you are covering.

Step 6 – Practice makes perfect! Rehearse your speech in front of family, friends and your 4-H Leader before the competition.

Step 7 – Bring your Speech and Posters to the 4-H Office the Day of Competition, be dressed neatly and prepare to give your speech. Remember to HAVE FUN!

What Demonstration Topic Can I Choose?

Most topics will fit into one or more of the project areas listed below. If you are not sure, call the 4-H office for help!

Code	Project
1AGRI	Agricultural Awareness
1AIRS	Air Science
1ARCH	Archaeology
1ARTS	Arts
1BEEF	Beef
1BMSN	Between Meal Snacks
1BYCL	Bicycle
1CATC	Cat Care
1CLOT	Clothing & Textiles
1COMM	Communications
1COMN	Companion Animal Science
1COMP	Computers
1CONS	Conservation and Recycling
1CRAF	Crafts
1CRES	Creative Stitchery
1DAMS	Dairy & Milk Science
1DFOO	Dairy Foods
1DOGC	Dog Care & Training
1ELEC	Electric/Electronics
1ENTO	Entomology
1FLOS	Flowers, Shrubs, & Lawns
1FOAR	Food Fare
1FOFF	Food for Fitness
1FOFH	Food for Health & Sport
1FOOD	Food for the Family
1FOSP	Food Safety & Preservation
1FOWS	Forest Resources & Wood Science
1FRWF	Fresh Water Fish & Shellfish
1FVNT	Fruits, Vegetables, & Nuts
1GENR	General Recreation
1GENS	General Science
1GEOL	Geology
1HEAL	Health
1HIST	History
1HORS	Horse
1HOUE	Housing, Equipment & Environment
1HUDV	Human Development
1INDS	Interior Design
1INTN	International
1KITF	Kitchen Fun

1MACE	Marine & Coastal Ecology
1OCEC	Ocean Ecology
1OURE	Outdoor Recreation
1OUSH	Outdoor Survival Skills
1PALE	Paleontology
1PEFG	Performing Arts - General
1PEFI	Performing Arts - Instrumental
1PEFV	Performing Arts - Vocal
1PHOT	Photography
1PLSF	Plants, Soils, & Fertilizers
1PORK	Pork Production
1POUL	Poultry & Egg Science
1POWE	Power & Energy
1PUBL	Public Speaking
1RABB	Rabbits
1SAFE	Safety
1SHEE	Sheep and Meat Goats
1SPOR	Sports
1TARG	Target Sports
1TIME	Time & Money Management
1USEW	Using Water Wisely
1VETS	Veterinary Science
1WILD	Wildlife
1WKFC	Workforce Prep & Career Develop.

Let's Do a 4-H Project!

Are You Ready?



Let's Do it!

Project Signup Rally

**Thursday, January 29 drop in
from 4:00-6:00pm.**

DPA

Saturday March 21



**Call the Ware County 4-H Office
for more information
287-2456**