

# Introduction

The introduction is the first part of your speech.

In the introduction you have to do four things:

## 1. Introduce yourself

*Good afternoon, everyone. My name is ....*

## 2. Acknowledge traditional owners

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are on.*

## 3. Introduce the overall topic of your speech

*The topic of my speech is ...*

## 4. Number off the parts of your speech

*In this speech I will make three points. First I will ... Second, I will ... Third ...*

## 1. Introduce yourself (say who you are)

*When you give a public speech, the very first thing you need to do is to tell the listeners **who you are**.*

Here is an example to give you an idea of what to write.

*Good morning everyone. My name is Djikarrabini Rosemary Raymond. I come from Jingaloo Outstation (Beetaloo). My skin name is Namija. My dreamings totem is Darliwa, the grey heron crane.*

*My tribes are Djingili and Mudburra and these people are from Elliot, Newcastle Waters and Beetaloo. My father is Djingila (Beetaloo) and my mother is Mudburra (Newcastle Waters). Djingili and Mudburra are the two main languages spoken in Elliott. Elliott is situated on the Stuart Highway between Darwin (88 km north of Elliott) and Alice Springs (1000 km south of Elliott).*

*I am going to talk about what respect means to me and how the European must understand and respect the Djingili and Mudburra ways of life.*

If you want to, you can speak in language first, then translate it for people who don't know your language, like this next example.

### Example 2

*Yäkum, naya Raymattja, 'ikan yäkum naya Marika, waripum naya 'ikan yäku dinawarn Gunutjpirr Gunuwana. Djinanuum 'ikanthu nhäna yaka mam'thuman nyäkuru naya'l, nalanuru ga romgu naya marngiyin dhäwu'wu naya marngiyin bili naya nhäna yakan nyäkuway bäpa'minuny ga bulu waripum warra nalapalminy. Gunan nyäku, miluwan rom nhamaliny narru nyena djinal yutana romna. Bahna nalamaliny. Gunan nyäku, milkuwan rom nhalpiyan nalma narru nyebna djinal yutana romna. Bahna nalamaliny narrun dhä – munygum mulkuruyu romdhu, banha yaka nalmalingu.*

*My name is Raymattja, my surname is Marika, my other name, the deep clan name is Gunutjpirr Gunuwana. This deep clan name is an esoteric name which defines all Riratjinu people and links us to the land – it is evocative of where we are from and the language we speak. I learnt some of this philosophy and the structure of land tenure from my fathers, and from other elders, both men and women. They gave us so much as part of our professional growth and development. They taught us how we should live and balance ourselves and our views so that foreign viewpoints do not engulf us in this ever changing world.*

(Marika. Raymattja. (2000). 'Milthun Latju Wäna Romgu Yolngu: Valuing Yolngu knowledge in the education system', *TESOL in Context*, Vol 10, No 2, p. 45)

## 2. Acknowledge the traditional land-owners

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered today.*

## 3. Introduce the overall topic

The overall topic is the theme or issue or point of your speech as a whole.

*In this speech I want to talk about the political upheavals stirring in the Pacific Rim over the last few months.*

**Another one:**

*In this speech I will talk about the need for childcare facilities in communities.*

**Another one:**

*This speech is about social justice.*

**Another one**

*This speech is about treaties and why Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Australia need to negotiate one.*

## 4. Enumerate the parts of your speech

Enumerating means dividing what you have to say up into parts and then numbering them. For example, you might say:

*In this speech I want to talk about the political upheavals stirring in the Pacific Rim over the last few months.*

*First, I will look at why indigenous peoples in the Pacific are rejecting the constitutions imposed on them by the British.*

*Secondly, I will explain what sort of constitutions would be more suited to post-colonial countries.*

*Finally, I will suggest some strategies for moving towards these new forms of constitution and government.*

Speech Act	Topic
<i>I will look a</i>	<i>why indigenous peoples in the Pacific are rejecting the constitutions imposed on them by the British</i>
<i>I will explain</i>	<i>why indigenous peoples in the Pacific are rejecting the constitutions imposed on them by the British</i>
<i>I will suggest</i>	<i>what sort of constitutions would be more suited to post-colonial countries</i>

**Another one:**

*In this talk I will talk about the need for childcare facilities in communities.*

*First I will describe the situation in communities without childcare facilities. Second, I will describe a community with childcare facilities. Third, I will describe how my community developed a childcare facility. Finally, I will describe what resources you can access to develop your own childcare facility.*

*Another one:  
This speech is about social justice.*

*First I will picture a world without social justice. Secondly, I will describe a world with social justice. Finally, I will suggest some things we need to do to achieve social justice for indigenous peoples.*