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How can music help us and change our life?

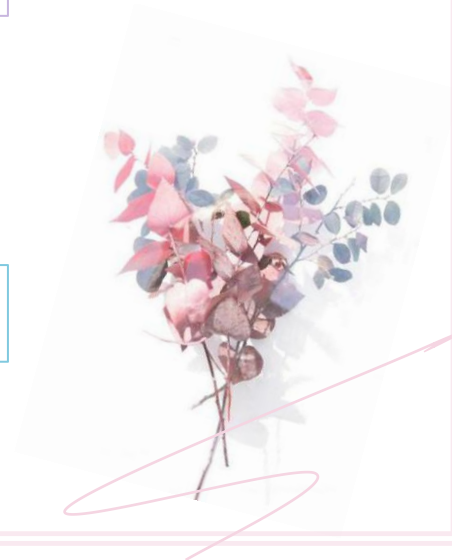
make us relaxed
and peaceful

release our pressure

give us courage
and power

offer us comfort

keep us company





Read for the structure of a speech

Good morning! My name is Sarah Williams. It's an honour to be here and to share with you the story of how music has had an impact on my life.

Have you ever faced a time when things looked dark and you had no hope at all? Two years ago, I was told I had a serious **disease** which was difficult to cure. My body ached all the time and thus I thought I didn't have much longer to live. I was very afraid and I felt so alone and discouraged. Then one day, I had to go through a two-hour medical **treatment**. The doctor wanted me to relax, so he had me listen to some music, and one of the songs was "Happy". The song made me feel so much better that from then on I began to listen to music all the time. (B) John A. Logan said, "Music is the medicine of the mind." And it's true. Music helped me recover.

(C) Music gave me happiness. When I listened to music, (D) it made my spirits fly like a kite in the wind. (C) Music gave me strength and brought me relief. (E) It was the rock I leant on to become strong and to get through those hard times. **Moreover**, (C) music gave me hope and a sense of **satisfaction**. (F) It became my best friend. It spoke words of encouragement to the deepest part of my **being**.

Of course, I hope none of you did. At the same time, we can all learn from my experience. During those times, music of yours will **somehow** begin to change your life.

Thank you!



Welcome the audience
Introduce oneself
Propose the topic

Sarah's personal anecdote
(story/experience)
about the topic(music)

Sarah's personal feeling
about the topic(music)

Appropriate structure makes the speech smooth, logical and coherent.

Start

Body

Ending

Read for the information of the speech

(A) Have you ever faced a time when things looked dark and you had no hope at all? Two years ago, I was told I had a serious disease which was difficult to cure. My body ached all the time and thus I thought I didn't have much longer to live. I was very afraid and I felt so alone and discouraged. Then one day, I had to go through a two-hour medical treatment. The doctor asked me to relax, so he had me listen to music, and one of the songs was "Happy". The song made me feel much better than from then on I began to listen to music all the time.

(B) John A. Logan said, "Music is the medicine of the mind." And it's true. Music helped me recover.

1. What was Sarah's problem ?

Sarah had a serious disease which was difficult to cure, and she was very sad and felt so alone.

Sarah's problem: the disease

2. How did music help her during her difficult time ?

The songs "Happy" made her feel so much better and helped her recover.

Sarah's solution: the music

Read for the information of the speech

(C) Music gave me happiness. When I listened to music, (D) it made my spirits fly like a kite in the wind. (C) Music gave me strength and brought me relief. (E) It was the rock I leaned on to become strong and to get through difficult times. Moreover, it gave me hope and a sense of satisfaction. (C) It became my best friend. It spoke words of encouragement to the deepest part of my being.

Of course, I hope none of you have to go through the same kind of suffering that I did. At the same time, we all go through various periods when we need help. Music helped me to treasure music and make it a part of your life.

3. What did music bring to Sarah?
Happiness

The impact of music on Sarah's life

Relief.
Hope and satisfaction.
Friendship and Encouragement.

Sarah's personal feeling about music

4. What is Sarah's advice to others?
Treasure music and make it a part of one's life.

Suitable personal experience/anecdote makes the speech sincere, touching and impressive.

but music
Sarah?

Considerate Helpful Convincing

Read for the language features of the speech

Hints for making a successful speech

1. When planning your speech, remember to organize your ideas as you would for any other piece of writing.
2. Add the strategies that make a speech different from a piece of writing such as: metaphors, personification, repetition, quotations, rhetorical question, similes and so on.
3. Write the speech and then practise it with a partner. Exchange suggestions on improving your speeches.
4. Finally be ready to give your speech to the class with expression and emotion. Before your speech, ask the students for their opinions on your topic.
5. Give your speech. Remember you want to change someone else's point of view, so you must sound sincere and convinced of your own arguments.

Rhetorical devices (修辞手法)

Read for the language features of the speech



(A) Have you ever faced a time when things looked dark and you had no hope at all? Two years ago, I was told ...



A rhetorical question
(设问)

Arouse the audience's interest and build a connection between speaker and audience, thus making the audience involved in the speech

V.S.




I have once faced a time when things looked dark and I had no hope at all. Two years ago, I was told ...

A statement

Just state the story of speaker and have little connection with the audience.



Read for the language features of the speech




(B) John A. Logan said,
“Music is the medicine
of the mind.”

As Longfellow says,
“Music is the universal
language of Mankind.”

A quote
(引用)

It's more convincing from a famous person. It can add weight to the point you present.

V.S.




In my opinion, I
think music is the
medicine of the mind.
I think music is the
universal language of
Mankind.

A personal
point of view


**It's not authentic and
persuasive.**

Read for the language features of the speech

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- (C) Music gave me happiness.
 - (C) Music gave me strength and brought me relief.
 - (C) ...music gave me hope and a sense of satisfaction.

Repetition
(重复)


It can emphasize a particular point of view, draw the audience's attention and make the speech powerful and convincing.



(D)...it made my spirits fly **like** a kite in the wind.

simile
(明喻)

A v. like/as B.



(E)It (music) was the rock I leant on to become strong and to get through those hard times.

Metaphor (隐喻)

A is B.

They make the speech vivid, lifelike and expressive.

Read for the language features of the speech



(F) It became my best friend. It spoke words of encouragement to the deepest part of my being.

Personification
(拟人)

It can help the audience develop a connection between an abstract object or idea and feel empathy or sympathy for that idea or object. It can also help the audience relate to the concept being presented, and to give a more complete understanding of a difficult concept to comprehend.

A rhetorical question (设问)

A quote (引用)

Repetition(重复)

simile(明喻)

Metaphor (隐喻)

Personification(拟人)

All these rhetorical devices make a successful speech draft.

Music



Appreciate the language features in the speech



What kind of rhetorical devices does Anika Paulson use in her speech?

The philosopher Plato once said, “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

A quote

When I’m happy, when I’m sad, when I’m bored, when I’m stressed, I listen to and I create music.

Repetition

Music surrounded me. It made me who I was, and it gave me a place to belong.

Proper rhetorical devices make the speech powerful, convincing and successful.

Now, n
lives.

Location

**our
smile**

Music has rhythm, which is routines and habits we have.

Metaphor

Write a speech about music

Write a speech about how music can change a person's life by using the structure and the rhetorical devices.

Group work

Think of ways that people experience music, and how music can help people.

Ways people experience music
singing,
listening to music,
joining in the virtual choir
dancing freely ,
humming softly to oneself,
playing the piano/guitar...

How music can help people
give encouragement,
give hope/strength/confidence,
make ... strong/confident/brave,
bring ... relief/a sense of satisfaction,
offer comfort, release our pressure,
have a positive influence...



Write a speech about music

Useful expressions in the “Start” part of the speech

1. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm... Today I'm greatly honored to speak here to talk about...
2. Good morning, everyone. My name is ... Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a speech about...
3. Hello, my dearest fellow schoolmates. I'd like to start by introducing myself. My name is I feel very much honored to have a chance here to make a speech on the subject...
4. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is ... It's my great honor to have the opportunity to share with you my opinion on ...
5. Hello, ladies and gentlemen. Let me introduce myself. My name is...Today I'd like to deliver a lecture on ...
6. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm...It's my great honor to stand here on behalf of all the students, and share with you my point of view on...

Write a speech about music

Useful expressions in the “Body” part of the speech

1. Have you ever faced a time when things looked dark and you had no hope at all?
2. Have you ever experienced the ups and downs of life and felt frustrated or discouraged?
3. Two years ago, when I entered the new school, I felt lost and depressed.
4. It's like I had been taken out of my natural environment, and put somewhere new. And slowly I began to lose myself, like I was being washed away.
5. There's a beautiful connection between music and life. It can bind us to reality at the same time it allows us to escape it.
6. Music is something that lives inside of you. You create it and you're created by it. Our lives are not only conducted by music, they're also composed of it.
7. Music has always been a big part of my life. To create and to perform music connects you to people countries and lifetimes away.
8. The philosopher Plato once said, “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”
9. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once said, “Music is the universal language of mankind.”



Write a speech about music

Useful expressions in the “Ending” part of the speech

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1. Of course, I hope none of you have to go through/experience the suffering and difficulties.
2. No one can deny the fact that music can .../It can be said with certainty that music can...
Undoubtedly, music is supposed to a strong support to you.
3. I hope everyone finds your comfort in your life and experience an enjoyable experience ...
4. If you are faced with difficulties, you can turn to music for help. It will surely help you out.
5. I sincerely hope all of you will somehow begin to treasure music and make it a part of your life.
6. But music is always there, supporting us, connecting us to each other and showing us the beauty of the universe. So if you ever feel lost, stop and listen for your song.
7. That's all I want to say about this point. Thank you.
8. That's all. Thank you for your listening/attention.
9. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this chance to speak to you today.
10. Finally, I hope I have made myself understood about music. Thank you so much.

Hello, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Kathy, and I'm here to talk about how music has changed my life.

Have you ever experienced the ups and downs of life and felt frustrated or discouraged? Two years ago, when I entered the new school, I felt lost and depressed. It's like I had been taken out of my natural environment, and put somewhere new. And slowly I began to lose myself, like I was being washed away. But then the next moment, I felt the melody, the song "Count on me"---soft and calming, comforting and powerful. It gave me strength and hope, like my old friend. It gave me company and comfort. And also it gave me courage to face all the difficulties. Gradually, I adapted to the new school. The philosopher Plato once said, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." I do benefit a lot from music.

So next time, if you are faced with difficulties, you can turn to music for help. It will surely help you out. Thanks!

Welcome the audience

Introduce oneself

Propose the topic

Start

Share personal anecdote
about the topic

Share personal feeling

Using proper rhetorical
devices

Body

Supply advice to the
audience

Thank the audience at
the end

Close the speech

Ending

Write a speech about music

Writing task

Make use of what we talk about the speech---the structure, the rhetorical devices and useful expressions, combine them with your own experiences, and then finish your speech about how music changes our life.

Checklist to polish the speech draft



Does the writer explain how music has changed his/her/someone else's life?



Are some of the rhetorical devices included and used properly?



Does the writer talk about how music makes him/her/someone feel?



Is the first word in each sentence capitalised?
Does the writer use correct punctuation?

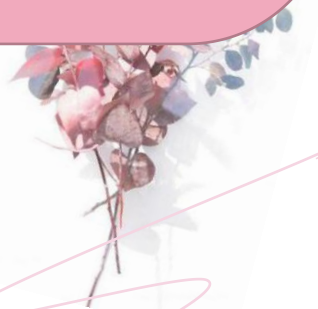
Homework

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