

## Talk in the English Class

Part of your work in the English Department involves preparing and delivering an individual talk.

You will be expected to speak for between three and five minutes on various subjects throughout the Broad General Education.

### Handy Hints for Delivering a Good Talk

- Good eye contact with the audience
- Do not talk too quickly or too slowly
- Speak clearly
- Vary the tone of voice to suit the different parts of the talk
- Use good describing words
- Use a variety of facial expressions
- Make sure the ideas in the talk are clearly linked

### *How to Help At Home*

- Discuss the chosen topic and widely research the topic
- Encourage the talk to be written up and then transferred into notes/cue cards
- Practise the talk in front of an audience (one person is an audience)
- Suggest improvements (*see the list of Handy hints on the next page*)
- Listen to the talk again

### Points to Remember

- Everyone is nervous to some extent: being well-prepared is the key to preventing nerves spoiling the performance.
- Have your notes/cue cards ready.
- Relax - try to enjoy your talk!