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## English - "What can I say?" – Sharing Ideas

### Reading/Discussion:

You've all been speaking since you were about two years old, right? So why do you need a lesson about speaking? Well, some people are just better at speaking in public than others. When you have to talk in front of a lot of people it gets pretty scary and there are all sorts of mistakes you can make. Here are some examples:

S-o-m-e-t-i-m-e-s w-e t-a-l-k t-o-o s-l-o-w-l-y;

Sometimes we talk too fast;

Sometimes we talk too softly;

SOMETIMES WE TALK TOO LOUDLY;

And sometimes we are so scared we don't say anything at all!

The trick is to know exactly what you are going to say and how you are going to say it. It also helps if you know the people you are going to be talking to. The best speech writers say that there are three parts to a speech. First, you tell your audience what you are going to say (the **introduction**). Then you say it (the **body**). Then you tell them what you said (the **conclusion**)! Sound silly? But here is how it works:

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<p>Today I'm going to tell you all about my pet monster.</p>	<p>This is what you're going to say – it needs to sound exciting so everyone will want to listen.</p>
<p>He is green and hairy and has four fingers on all three hands. He is very cuddly and likes coming to school with me in my backpack. He is easy to feed because he only eats grass and pebbles.</p>	<p>This is what you are saying - remember to speak clearly, so everyone can hear what you are saying! If you have some pictures to show while you are talking, that's great!</p>
<p>Now I have told you all about my monster I hope you come and visit him one day.</p>	<p>This is what you said. Now everyone knows that your speech is finished (and they can start clapping!)</p>

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### A: Small group activity

It is always easier to start talking in a small group. For this activity, you need to have 6 to 8 group members sitting in a circle facing each other. Choose one person who will write down all the ideas as each one speaks. Each group will be given a sheet of paper with the main idea written on it. Taking turns (and listening respectfully to each other) each member of the group will say how they feel about the idea.

Here are some examples:

Dinosaurs would make cute pets.

Television is a good teacher.

Homework is bad for the brain.

Ice cream is an important food group.

### B: Presentation

Now you have all your ideas written down, put them together and write a short presentation. Remember to have an introduction, a body and a conclusion. Practice saying it to each other, making it sound interesting and exciting. A couple of pictures to use as visual aids would be a good idea.