

speech[spi:tʃ] *n*

1. 1) **речь; речевая деятельность**
a figure of speech - фигура речи
parts of speech - *лингв.* части речи
without speech - не говоря ни слова
to be slow of speech - а) говорить медленно; б) быть неразговорчивым
- 2) **дар речи (мж. faculty of speech)**
he was recovering speech with difficulty - к нему медленно возвращалась речь /способность говорить/
he was startled beyond speech - он онемел /потерял дар речи/ от изумления
- 3) **устная речь**
speech habits - речевые навыки
speech in put - *вчт.* речевой ввод
he expresses himself better in speech than in writing - он может лучше выразить свою мысль устно, чем письменно
2. **выговор, манера говорить; характер речи**
clear [indistinct] speech - отчётливый [неотчётливый] выговор
refined [affected] speech - утончённая [претенциозная] манера говорить
colloquial [free] speech - разговорная [непринуждённая] речь
infant speech - лепет ребёнка
this word is not used in polite speech - это слово не употребляется в речи культурных людей
he is Irish by his speech - судя по его произношению, он ирландец
3. **речь, выступление (оратора); спич**
opening [closing] speech - вступительная [заключительная] речь, вступительное [заключительное] слово
main speech - доклад
freedom of speech - свобода слова
speech of welcome - приветственная речь
the speech from the throne - тронная речь
the speech for the defence [for the prosecution] - защитительная [обвинительная] речь
to deliver/to give, to make/ a speech - произносить речь, выступать
4. **разговор**
wanted to have speech with him and could not - хотел поговорить с ним и не смог
5. 1) **язык**
one's native speech - родная речь
national speech - а) национальный язык; б) государственный язык
to give speech to one's feelings - найти слова для выражения своих чувств
music is a common speech for humanity - музыка - это общий язык для всего человечества
- 2) **диалект, говор**
indigenous speech - местный говор
London speech - лондонский диалект
6. **звучание (музыкальных инструментов)**
7. **монолог (в пьесе, фильме); реплика (действующего лица)**
◇ speech is silver, silence is golden - *посл.* слово - серебро, молчание - золото

speech

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speech [speech speeches] *BrE* [spi:tʃ]^o *NAmE* [spi:tʃ]^o **noun**

1. **countable** ~ (on/about sth) a formal talk that a person gives to an audience
 - to **give/make/deliver a speech** on human rights
 - He made the announcement **in a speech** on television.
 - Several people made speeches at the wedding.
 2. **uncountable** the ability to speak
 - I seemed to have lost the **power of speech** .
 - a speech defect
 - **freedom of speech** (= the right to say openly what you think)
 3. **uncountable** the way in which a particular person speaks
 - Her speech was slurred— she was clearly drunk.
 4. **uncountable** the language used when speaking
 - This expression is used mainly in speech, not in writing.
 - speech sounds
 5. **countable** a group of lines that an actor speaks in a play in the theatre
 - She has the longest speech in the play.
- see also** ↑figure of speech

Word Origin:Old English spræc, sprēc, later spēc, of West Germanic origin: related to Dutch *spraak*, German *Sprache*, also to ↑speak.Thesaurus:**speech** **noun**

1. **C**
 - She gave a short acceptance speech.

address • • **lecture** • • **talk** • • **sermon** •

a/an **inaugural /farewell /keynote** speech/address/lecture

write/prepare /give/deliver /hear a/an speech/address/lecture/talk/sermon

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pronunciation • • **voice** • |**phonetics intonation** •

(a) **clear** speech/pronunciation/voice

Synonyms:

speech

lecture • address • talk • sermon

These are all words for a talk given to an audience.

speech • a formal talk given to an audience: ▪ Several people made speeches at the wedding.

lecture • a talk given to a group of people to tell them about a particular subject, often as part of a university or college course: ▪ a lecture on the Roman army ◇ ▪ a course/series of lectures

address • a formal speech given to an audience: ▪ a televised presidential address

speech or address?

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talk • a fairly informal session in which sb tells a group of people about a subject: ▪ She gave an interesting talk on her visit to China.

sermon • a talk on a moral or religious subject, usually given by a religious leader during a service: ▪ to preach a sermon

a **long/short** speech/lecture/address/talk/sermon

a **keynote** speech/lecture/address

to **write/prepare /give/deliver /hear** a(n) speech/lecture/address/talk/sermon

to **attend/go to** a lecture/talk

Example Bank:

- Certain grammatical rules must be followed when describing a conversation in reported speech.
- George Washington's inaugural speech
- He delivered his final speech to Congress.
- He delivered the commencement speech at Notre Dame University.
- He learned to successfully mimic American speech patterns.
- He temporarily lost the power of speech after the accident.
- His speech was broadcast on national radio.
- In her speech to the House of Commons, she outlined her vision of Britain in the 21st century.
- Most people have speech, but significantly fewer have writing.
- President Bush delivered his 2004 State of the Union speech.
- She could tell by his slurred speech that he had been drinking.
- She gave a speech on the economy.
- She made a stirring campaign speech on improving the lot of the unemployed.
- Speech codes have been instituted by some universities= to stop language that is sexist, racist, etc..
- The President will deliver a major foreign-policy speech to the United Nations.
- The author's punctuation goes outside speech marks.
- The candidates gave their standard stump speeches.
- The demonstrators were demanding free speech.
- The demonstrators were demanding rights of assembly and free speech.
- The members of a speech community share many cultural attitudes.
- The prizewinner gave an emotional acceptance speech.
- These computers are capable of speech recognition.
- When we say we're 'dead tired', it's just a figure of speech.
- When we talk about 'selfish' genes it is just a figure of speech.
- a Senate floor speech
- her maiden speech in the House of Commons
- phonological variation in a speech community
- racist hate speech
- the Chancellor's Budget speech
- the Prime Minister's speech-writers
- the right of/to freedom of speech
- the use of language in everyday speech
- Clear speech with crisp consonant sounds is very important.
- She's been asked to give the after-dinner speech.
- You will need to prepare an acceptance speech.

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[**Word Family:** **adjective:** ↑unspeakable, ↑speechless, ↑outspoken, ↑spoken ≠ ↑unspoken; **noun:** ↑speaker, ↑speech; **verb:** ↑speak; **adverb:** ↑unspeakably]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** spræc, spæc]

1. [countable] a talk, especially a formal one about a particular subject, given to a group of people

make/give/deliver a speech

" Each child had to give a short speech to the rest of the class.

" He has to make a lot of after-dinner speeches.

speech on/about

" a major speech on relations with China

" Collins gave the keynote speech (=most important speech).

2. [uncountable] the ability to speak:

Only humans are capable of speech.

3. [uncountable] spoken language rather than written language:

In speech we use a smaller vocabulary than in writing.

4. [uncountable] the particular way in which someone speaks:

Bob's speech was slurred, and he sounded drunk.

5. [countable] a set of lines that an actor must say in a play:

Hamlet's longest speech

⇒ ↑direct speech, ↑figure of speech, ↑indirect speech, ↑part of speech, ↑reported speech, ⇒ speech bubble at ↑bubble¹(4), ⇒

freedom of speech at ↑freedom(1)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

▪ **give/make a speech** She gave a speech at the party conference.

▪ **deliver a speech** *formal* The President delivered a major speech to Congress yesterday.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + speech**

▪ **long** The speeches were all really long.

▪ **short/brief** The chairman opened the meeting with a brief speech.

▪ **a passionate/impassioned speech** (=full of strong feeling) She made impassioned speeches on civil rights.

▪ **an emotional speech** (=showing emotions, especially by crying) On retiring, she delivered an emotional farewell speech.

▪ **a moving speech** (=making people feel strong emotions) That was a very moving speech.

▪ **a powerful speech** (=having a strong effect on people's opinions) He gave a powerful speech calling for unity.

▪ **a rousing/stirring speech** (=making people feel excited and eager to do something) Thousands of people were inspired by his stirring speeches.

▪ **a major speech** (=very important) This was her first major speech as party leader.

▪ **somebody's inaugural speech** (=their first one in an important political job) He said all the right things in his inaugural speech.

▪ **somebody's acceptance speech** (=when they accept a political job, a prize, or an award) In his acceptance speech, he paid tribute to his wife.

▪ **a farewell speech** (=by someone who is leaving)

▪ **an after-dinner speech** (=after a formal dinner) He gets paid a lot for making after-dinner speeches.

▪ **a keynote speech** (=the most important one at an event) The Prime Minister will make his keynote speech at the conference today.

▪ **a political speech** She began writing political speeches for local politicians.

▪ **a campaign speech** (=given during a political campaign) Eisenhower was careful in his campaign speeches to use only the vaguest of phrases.

■ **COMMON ERRORS**

▶ Do not say '*do a speech*'. Say **give a speech** or **make a speech**.

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THESAURUS

▪ **speech** a talk, especially a formal one about a particular subject, given to a group of people: The bridegroom usually makes a speech after the wedding. | In her speech, she proposed major changes to the welfare system. | the opening speech of the conference

▪ **address** *formal* a speech that a very important person gives to a large group of people: the President's address to the nation | He was surrounded by security officers as he made his address.

▪ **talk** an occasion when someone speaks to a group of people giving them information about a particular subject or about their experiences: I went to an interesting talk on the wildlife of Antarctica. | He's been asked to give a talk about his trip to India.

▪ **lecture** a talk, especially on an ↑academic subject and given to students in a university: a lecture on 17th century French literature | Professor Black is giving the lecture.

▪ **presentation** a talk in which you describe or explain a new product or idea, especially one you give for your company: I had to give a presentation to the board of directors. | He's making a presentation to the management of a well-known manufacturing company.

▪ **sermon** a talk given by a priest or a religious leader: The vicar preached a sermon about the need for forgiveness.

▪ **statement** a spoken or written announcement that someone makes in public, often to ↑journalists: The minister issued a short statement in which he said he had no plans to resign.

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