**Speech of the Week (12)**

This week you will prepare and present an argumentative speech on whether beauty contests should be banned or not. Considering all aspects of the topic, formulate your thesis statement and argue strongly for your case. The speech will be 5 minutes long.

I want you to focus more carefully on the idea of counter argument. As you might have seen in the links, a major method of argumentation is refutation of counter arguments. Keep in mind that there are many people against you in this topic. If you favor the beauty contests, there are people who want to ban them. If you are for banning them, there are people who find them useful and enjoyable. Please note down at least three counter arguments, pick the most popular one (use your common sense here) and refute this argument in the last part of your speech.

Now write an outline for your speech. Don’t forget to include the counter argument.

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Now write your speech text.

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Now present your speech. Please don’t read. Of course you can take a look at it or your outline when needed.

How did it go? If you were to make the same speech what would you change?

Now make the same speech again but this time, record it as a video file. Watch it and grade according to the criterion you developed earlier.

Make the necessary changes and present the same speech again. Record, watch and evaluate until you are satisfied.