

Be Fly on the Fly
(In-class activity)

The purpose of this activity is to help you understand how to adjust topics and speaking styles on the fly to fit a particular audience.

Step 1: In the spaces below, write down one topic, one type of audience, and one speaker.

Step 2: When you are finished you will tear off each section. Label the back of each sheet of paper with the corresponding title (i.e., Topic, Audience, Speaker).

Step 3: Your teacher will collect your sheets of paper and place them in the front of the room in 3 separate piles (or boxes). When your row is called, take one slip of paper from each pile.

Step 4: Integrate all three sheets of paper and prepare a quick impromptu speech. This means that you now become the speaker listed on the sheet of paper that you received. Adjust your speech so that you can talk about the topic effectively to your given audience.

Step 5: Your instructor will call each of you up to the front of the classroom. When he or she does, give your one-minute speech and have fun.

In this section write down ONE Topic (i.e., pizza, football, education)

In this section write down ONE type of audience (i.e., doctors, mothers, scholars)

In this section write down ONE speaker (i.e., President Obama, Lady Gaga, MLK, Jr.)