

Public Speaking Skills

1 a) Read the task.

Imagine you are a representative of an organisation that helps the environment. Give a presentation about how to save water at home to a group of students.

b) Listen to and read the model. What techniques has the speaker used to start/end his presentation?

Study Skills

Transition phrases

We can make a smooth transition from one point to the next or from one paragraph to the next using transition phrases (e.g. *But there's more.*). This helps keep the audience's attention.

2 Find the transition phrases the speaker has used in his presentation. Replace them with the transition phrases below.

- Don't forget ...
- To begin with, there's ...
- But that's not all.

3 Collect information on how to save electricity. Use your notes to prepare and give a presentation. Use transition phrases.



Good evening everyone! My name's Gun Seung and I'm from Precious Green, the environmental organisation.

Thank you for the introduction and the warm welcome.

Can you believe that 1 in 9 people in the world have no clean water near their home? We have running water in our homes, but instead of feeling lucky, we pour it down the drain. It's time to stop wasting water.

Let's start with brushing your teeth. Do you know how much water you use if you leave the tap running the whole time? 19 litres! Just wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing your mouth at the end. Another way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower while you're using the soap, then turn it back on to rinse.

But there's more. While you are waiting for tap water to get warm – when you're washing a cup in the kitchen sink, for example – water is pouring down the drain. Why not catch it in a bowl instead? That way, you can use it to water your plants! The dishwasher also uses a lot of water, so if you have one, make sure it's full every time you use it, and put it on a short wash.

Then there's outdoors. We use about a quarter of our water outdoors, but a few simple steps can greatly reduce your use. First, water the plants in the evening, not under the midday sun! Make sure your garden really needs water – lots of people overwater their gardens, which is both wasteful and bad for the plants. Finally, fix any leaking taps and you save up to three litres of water a day.

As you can see, you can save water by doing these simple things. It's not difficult at all, is it? So what are you waiting for? Start saving water today! Are there any questions?

Thank you for listening.

