

Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – This is a speech (made during the school assembly to promote something). To sound polite, begin it with 'Good morning / afternoon, Principal, teachers and fellow students.'. Thank the audience for listening at the end. Refer to the audience as 'you'.
2. Genre – This is a piece of descriptive and expository writing. Give a brief introduction to the article. It should explain why the speech is being made.
3. Language and formality – The language of a speech about personal growth needs not be very formal. The messages should be delivered straightforwardly. The tone should be a little inspired, since inspirational stories are being shared. Difficult and polished phrases are not necessary, since a speech consists of understandable spoken words.
4. Organisation – Begin with some background information of the feature article. State that your purpose is to give a foretaste of it. Then talk about the essential qualities of a successful athlete in detail. Also talk a little about the interviews to make the speech more authentic. End by urging the audience to get an issue of the school newsletter.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this speech is sportsmanship and personal success. You should have enough relevant ideas and vocabulary for this topic. You can refer to the following for suggested ideas and vocabulary.

Useful vocabulary and expressions

Verbs / verb phrases

be conscious of	意識到
compile	彙編
derive from	源自
identify	發現
make a big difference	作出大改善
pursue	追求
stretch someone's potential	充分發揮某人的潛能
strive for excellence	追求卓越
unite	凝聚

Nouns / noun phrases

applause	掌聲
continuous improvement	持續改善
determination	決心
East Asian Games	東亞運動會
elite athletes	優秀運動員
endurance	耐力
invaluable advice and strategic plan	寶貴的意見和策略
feature article	特稿
flexibility	靈活性
passion	熱情
professional and recognised	專業並受認可的
quality	品質
ranking point	排名積分

regular practice	定時的練習
representative	代表
sacrifice	犧牲
sportsmen and sportswomen	運動員
stadium	運動場
steady practice	持續的練習
tremendous boost	強大的推動
touching and riveting personal stories	感人且極具吸引力的個人故事
toughness	堅韌
tournament	錦標賽
unconditional love	無條件的愛
valuable opportunities	寶貴的機會

Adjectives

goal-oriented	為目標而努力的
inborn	天生的
influential	有影響力的
large-scale	大規模的
monotonous	使人厭倦的

Adverb phrases

day by day	每天越來越
beyond doubt	無可置疑

Others

in view of this	有見及此
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