

## SPOKEN ENGLISH WITH



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## What is Public Speaking?

A good speech could be: clear, well reasoned, articulate, thoughtful, compelling, witty, touching, convincing, believable...

### **Public Speaking**

- **❖**A vital <u>means of civic engagement</u>.
- A way to **express** your ideas and to have an **impact** on issues that matter in a democratic society.
- **❖**A form of **empowerment**.
- ❖It can and often does <u>make a difference</u> in things people care about very much.

### **Model of Criticism**

### **Judgments:** statements of approval or disapproval, like or dislike **Reasons:** Justifications offered for judgments Norms: Standards of relative worth or goodness

# Essential Slang for everyday conversations

#### Twenty-four seven (24/7)

(twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week) "we are working twenty-four seven to finish the project on time."

## **Back to the drawing board (to be started from the beginning)**

"Everything has gone wrong and we are back to the drawing board now".

#### Call it a day (to stop for the day)

"This is more than enough for now, therefore, let's call it a day".

## Fifty-fifty (to do a half) "Let's split the work fifty-fifty".

Ahead of the curve (ahead of competition) "Mahir is always trying to be ahead of the curve".

#### By the book (always by the rule)

"I don't care about what others may say and I go by the book."

#### Big/bigger picture (important facts)

"My boss wants me to explain him the big picture."

#### In the same boat (in the same situation)

"Covid-19 has made life so challenging that we all are in the same boat."

#### **Cut corners** (shortcuts)

Doing things in the easy way without putting all your efforts. "Let's not do all these extra but we can cut corners to do it."

#### Game plan (strategy)

"I'm not worried at all about it because I know the game plan."

Change of pace (breaking the boredom)
"We are doing same thing everyday so we need a change of pace now."

Diamond in the rough (hidden talents) "Wow, Aisha! That is a diamond in the rough."

Bent Over Backwards (going out of your way to help) "She bent over backwards to help complete my project on time."

