

## **Speaker Checklist**

## **Structure & Message**

☐ I started with a hook or a strong opening
☐ My talk has a clear structure (1. Setting the scene, challenge,
climax, resolution and the lesson)
□ I expressed one clear, memorable message (my big idea)
☐ I have a compelling title
□ I ended with purpose (call to reflection, message, image, or pause)
Clarity & Simplicity
□ I used simple, natural language
□ I didn't try to say too much - I aimed for clarity, not exhaustiveness
☐ I used short sentences (easy to speak and easy to follow)



## **Emotion & Connection**

☐ I shared something personal, honest or vulnerable
☐ I helped the audience relate to my story (universal insight)
□ I made people feel something — not just understand
Imagery & Concreteness
☐ I used sensory language (people could picture the moment)
□ I zoomed in (scene, dialogue, detail), and zoomed out (reflection)
Voice & Rhythm
□ I varied my tone and pace (not monotone)
□ I used pauses to let key moments land
□ I spoke with presence and intention — not too fast, not too flat
Body Language & Presence
□ I was grounded and open (posture, eye contact, hands visible)
□ I looked at the audience — not at my notes

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