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Opening Digital World's Doors to # Next Digital Generations

LESSON PLAN 2 – SPEAKING IN JOURNALISM

TARGET

Students will develop skills in speaking for live broadcasts and news reporting, focusing on tone, pacing, and audience engagement.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Example live news broadcasts
- Speech scripts
- Cameras or recording devices (if available)
- Evaluation checklists

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Improve articulation, pacing, and tone in live speaking.
- ✓ Learn techniques for engaging an audience.
- ✓ Understand differences between scripted and unscripted speech.
- ✓ Gain confidence in live reporting and public speaking.

FLOW OF LESSON

1. Introduction to Live Speaking (15 minutes)

- Show clips of **live news reporting** and discuss common challenges.
- Class discussion:
 - o How do journalists stay composed under pressure?
 - o What makes a live broadcast engaging?

2. Practicing Tone and Delivery (20 minutes)

- Demonstrate **different tones** (formal, conversational, urgent).
- Group activity: Students **read the same script in different tones** and discuss how tone impacts meaning.

3. News Reporting Simulation (30 minutes)

- Assign students short news segments to report as if they were live on air.
- Encourage focus on:
 - o Pronunciation and articulation
 - Maintaining composure
 - o Speaking at a steady, engaging pace
- Peer and teacher feedback.

4. Handling Mistakes in Live Journalism (20 minutes)

- Discuss real examples of on-air mistakes and how journalists recover.
- Role-playing exercise: Students **simulate live corrections** when they make errors
- Focus on quick thinking and professionalism.

5. Reflection and Homework (10 minutes)

- Discuss lessons learned from speaking live.
- **Homework**: Write a **1-minute news script** for a topic of their choice to practice next lesson.