

The Condensing Machine

Skills focus: Organisation | Prioritisation | Concise Communication | Public Speaking
Useful for: ESU Schools' Mace | Public Speaking Competition

 Purpose and Impact	Resources
Objectives: - To identify the most important ideas. - To communicate clearly and concisely. - To adapt speeches for different time limits. Impact: Develops organisation, prioritisation and speaking confidence. Students learn to communicate key ideas effectively within a limited time.	Resources Needed - Motion, prompt or short speech - Timer Additional resources - ESU Motion Bank - ESU Prompt Bank

TASK

Setup

- Select a motion, prompt or prepared argument.
- Allow students time to prepare.

Activity

Students deliver a 30-60 second pitch explaining to an audience:

- What the line/monologue means.
- What the character wants.
- How the character is feeling.
- Which words are most important.
- What they would want an audience to understand.

Evaluate

-  **Was the interpretation clear?**
-  **Was evidence from the text used?**
-  **Did the explanation help us understand the character?**

 Differentiation and Progression		
KS3 Use simple and clear quotations and support students with the pitch sentence starter frame.	KS4 Require students to identify key words and justify their interpretation with evidence from the text.	KS5/Sixth form Challenge students to explore multiple interpretations and explain which is most convincing.