



National Air Cadet League of Canada Effective Speaking Instructional Memo 2022-2023

September 2021, the Air Cadet Program partially resumed in-person training. Cadets were looking forward to meeting in person to meet their friends and train the “usual” way. The National Effective Speaking met to prepare for the situation. In 2021-2022 most Effective Speaking Competitions were held virtually because cadets in some regions were not allowed to meet in person. Some competitions were held hybrid and virtually.

What is going on in 2022-2023?

The National ES Team has ruled that provinces and territories may choose their mode of Public Speaking competitions: face-to-face, hybrid or full virtual. This decision was made to comply with provincial and territorial health standards and also the rules issued by **our partner, the Canadian Armed Forces**.

When will the National Effective Speaking Competition take place?

Due to logistic and financial reasons, the National Effective Speaking Competition will be held **Saturday June 3rd, 2023**. More details will be available closer to the date.

In the following lines, you will find the Effective Speaking themes for 2023 that were chosen by the new National Effective Speaking Team.

1. What is the relevancy of the monarchy in Canada to the Air Cadet program in this post Jubilee year?
2. What is the impact of space junk?
3. What do you think about man building an outpost on the moon? (or How useful would an outpost be on the Moon or Mars?)
4. What is the future of aviation as it relates to unmanned vehicles?
5. Should we re-write history when we find out new information? (or What is cancel culture and should it be relevant?)
6. How environmentally friendly are electric vehicles?
7. What should be society’s priorities?
8. What does it mean to buy local?
9. What is sustainable energy?
10. Cadet Choice: must fit into one of these categories: Cadet Life; Science and Technology; Aviation; Canadian History or Citizenship

A subcommittee of the National Effective Speaking Committee is currently working on guidelines and creating a guide for the virtual effective speaking competition. The significant value of the face-to-face presentation is undisputed. However, there are reasons beyond our control that preclude an in-person national competition in 2023.

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