

Lights, Camera, Literacy! (Part Two)
Public Speaking Practice

Practice saying the following speeches from *AKEELAH AND THE BEE* aloud to your group. Receive their feedback on your:

- 1) poise and hand gestures
- 2) voice... projection, diction, emphasis, pacing
- 3) eye contact
- 4) credibility
- 5) conviction and enthusiasm

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? Our playing small doesn't serve the world...as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others permission to do the same."
-Marianne Williamson

"Thank you for coming to USC for the Southern California Regional Spelling Bee. It's a very exciting day as we'll be giving out trophies to our top three spellers who will represent Southern California at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC."
-Doug Atchison

"Ladies and Gentleman, we are down to the final two championship words. One or both of our finalists will walk away with the first place trophy. I want to thank both spellers for providing us with the most exciting National Spelling Bee we've ever had."
-Doug Atchison

"You know that feeling, where everything feels right, where you don't worry about today or tomorrow or yesterday? Where you feel safe and know you're doing the best you can. There's a word for that feeling. It's called LOVE. L-O-V-E. And that's what I feel for all of my family and all of my coaches. In my neighborhood. Where I come from. Where I learned how to spell."
-Doug Atchison