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The Ultimate Checklist for
Elevating Your Speaking Game

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5 Essentials Every Speaker Needs to Refine for Maximum Impact

You've got the talent, the story, and the passion—but are you truly maximizing your potential as a professional speaker? This checklist is your step-by-step guide to refine your craft, stand out in the industry, and ensure you're the speaker event planners can't wait to book. Whether you're operating on a shoestring budget or aiming for premium-level polish, these tips will help you elevate your speaking game.



1. Audit Your Signature Talk

Your talk may be great—but is it unforgettable?



Even the best talks need tweaking to stay fresh and relevant.

- **Hook:** Does your opening grab attention within 30 seconds? Consider a surprising statistic, story, or question.
- **Structure:** Is your talk built for emotional and logical flow? (Problem, solution, actionable takeaway.)
- **Memorability:** Do you have one killer soundbite or takeaway phrase your audience can't stop repeating?

Pro Tip: Share your talk with a small group of trusted peers or even an online community (like a free Facebook group) and ask for feedback.

2. Perfect Your Body Language and Stage Presence



Your stage presence is as impactful as your words.

Use intentional pauses to emphasize key points.

- Practice deliberate movements—walk with purpose, avoid pacing aimlessly and avoid using too many hand gestures.
- Make eye contact with different sections of the audience to create connection.
- Use pauses strategically. A well-timed pause can emphasize a powerful point better than a rush of words.

Pro Tip: Record yourself delivering your talk and watch it as if you're the audience. Pay attention to your body language and tie in Pro Tip 1 by paying attention to what makes you lean in—and what feels flat.

3. Build Your Personal Brand Beyond the Stage

Your brand is more than your talk—it's your reputation.



Consider writing a book or eBook as a complementary resource for your audience.

- Develop a signature tagline that sums up your mission (e.g., “Helping teams thrive through better communication”).
- Share behind-the-scenes moments of your preparation process on social media.
- Collaborate with local businesses or groups for smaller, intimate talks to build your reputation while promoting your brand.

Pro Tip: Create a custom hashtag to make your talks shareable (e.g., #VoiceQuestLive).

4. Build Relationships with Event Planners



Cold pitches are fine, but warm connections seal deals.

Strong connections lead to consistent bookings.

- Find event planners on LinkedIn and engage with their content before reaching out. A genuine comment goes a long way.
- Be a resource for referrals—recommend other great speakers for topics outside your niche.
- Share their event recaps or promotional materials with your own audience to show support.

Pro Tip: Use Loom to record a short video introducing yourself to event planners. It's more personal than an email and helps them remember you.

5. Refine Your Post-Talk Engagement

Your follow-up game can determine whether you're rebooked.



Being memorable after the talk is just as important as the talk itself.

- Send a personalized thank-you email to the organizer within 48 hours of your talk.
- Offer attendees a bonus resource (like a downloadable guide) to continue the conversation.
- Share highlights from the event on your social channels and tag the organizers.

Pro Tip: Create a post-event recap video summarizing the key takeaways and thanking the audience. Share it on LinkedIn and send it to the organizer—they'll love it.

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