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Inspirational speaker | 2011 UK & Ireland Public Speaking Champion

Speech Coaching with Malachi - FAQs

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in hiring me as your coach for your contest journey.

My own journey began in July 2010 when I joined Croydon Communicators Toastmasters group. In my first three months, I won the Humorous Speech competition at club and area level with a speech entitled, "The Laws of the Playground".



This gave me a taste for speech contests and six months later in May 2011, I was honoured to be crowned the UK and Ireland public speaking champion and to represent District 71 in Las Vegas at the world semi-finals, where I came in at third place, out of a possible 30,000+ worldwide contestants.

Since then, I have gone on to become an author, a certified World Class Speaking Coach (under Craig Valentine, 1999 World Champion of Public Speaking), and I now deliver workshops and keynotes inside and outside of Toastmasters, as well as coach speech contestants and keynote speakers.

I was also humbled to win the College of Public Speaking Corporate Challenge contest in 2014 and place second in the District 91 Humorous Speech Contest that same year.

I love to learn and grow and to share my knowledge in the process, which is why I enjoy coaching contestants on a one-to-one level. Getting a coach is a critical part of becoming a champion – especially in a contest!

If you would like to hire me as your contest coach, please read the Frequently Asked Questions below and then [send me an email](#) as early as possible. My team and I will get back to you within 24 hours.

Many thanks,

Malachi



Booking Malachi for speech coaching - FAQs

I've just won my club contest, will you coach me?

Absolutely. I'm happy to work with anyone who is hungry to grow as a speaker and there is no better demonstration of this than your desire to get coached!

How can I get the best out of my coaching session with you?

I recommend that you invest in [my speaking resources](#) and use them to construct and improve your speech before our first session. This makes it easier for you to get the most out of the coaching experience in less time.

Is there a charge for your speech coaching?

As of January 2015, I am no longer able to offer free speech coaching for contestants who have reached the Division level of either contest due to time restraints. However, as I get a lot of requests for coaching from Toastmasters members and I'm a certified World Class Speaking Coach, I've created a specific contest coaching programme for Toastmasters at a *heavily discounted* price. [Please enquire for more details.](#)

How many hours will you work with me?

We can agree the time beforehand, but as a guideline, it usually takes at least three to four one-hour coaching sessions to hone a contest speech.

How does the coaching work – do we meet face-to-face?

No, the coaching is done remotely via Skype (preferably) or over the telephone.

What if I just want you to look at my script?

This is absolutely fine too and we have made provision for this in the programme I mentioned. However, where possible, I do recommend sending me a video with your script also – there is often a difference between a written speech and a delivered speech.

Will I win the contest if I work with you?

I cannot guarantee your victory as a contestant but I *can* guarantee your growth as a speaker. I learnt in my own speech contest journey that resonating with an audience with your message is a greater prize than receiving a trophy.



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Will you work solely with me?

I do not enter into any exclusive coaching arrangements with any speech contestant and I reserve the right to assist as many or as few qualifying contestants as time permits. However, full confidentiality will be maintained at all times and no aspects of one contestant's speech or delivery will be discussed with another during the coaching period.

Please note: Due to time constraints, Malachi's speech contest coaching is only available to a maximum of *four* contestants at any given time. To avoid disappointment, please contact Malachi as early as possible, including full details of your Toastmasters journey so far and where you are with your speech.

[Click here to request Malachi as your coach](#)