

銘傳大學九十一學年度大學推薦甄選入學考試

(應英系) 第一節

閱讀寫作測驗 試題

1. Read the following passage and write a summary with your own words. If you need to cite some words, phrases, or sentences, please use quotation marks.
2. Respond to this passage in a paragraph (around 120 words)

What are you most afraid of? Are you worried about being cheated, losing your jobs, or contracting a deadly disease? Well, if you're like the vast majority of Americans, you fear stand up, to face an audience, and to deliver a speech more than anything else. Surveys have found that anxiety about public speaking terrifies Americans more than dying does. Somehow, people expect to be laughed at, ridiculed, or scorned by an audience. Many college students fear public speaking so much that they put off taking a speech class or even thinking about it until their last term before graduation. Speech instructors and others familiar with the principles of public speaking stress that the technique of desensitization works best for overcoming speech anxiety. This idea holds that people can get over their fear of speaking in public by enrolling in a course, attending the class faithfully, and forcing themselves to perform the speech activities. Once they have discovered that it is rare for people to die, to make fools of themselves, or to be laughed at while making a speech, they're on their way to success. Consequently, their anxiety becomes a little less each time they get up and talk in public. It may take a while, but eventually they find themselves able to stand up willingly, speak comfortably, and express themselves clearly.

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