

ASSIGNMENT

Individual presentation: You are going to give a presentation on how public money should be spent.

Student presentation script (example)

Useful expressions appear in *blue*.

OUTLINE	SCRIPT
Greet and introduce topic	Hello, everyone and thank you for taking the time to listen to me today. I'm Oliver, and I'm from New Zealand. Today I'd like to talk about government spending in my country. In particular, I want to talk about spending on education and housing.
Describe problem	All around the world, people are living longer. This sounds like good news, doesn't it? But unfortunately , it's causing problems with how governments spend money. In New Zealand, for example, we spend a large portion of our money on paying pensions—the money you get when you retire. This means less money for other areas.
Explain how money is currently spent	Would you believe that spending in New Zealand on social security and welfare has more than doubled in the past 15 years? That sounds good in theory, but let's take a closer look. In 2019, according to the New Zealand government capital spending report, the biggest area the government spent money on was pension payments for people aged 65 or over. This was 29% of the money spent. The second largest area it spent on was health, at 18%. In equal third place, education and welfare both received 15%.
Propose first area of spending and give reasons and examples	Firstly, it's clear that the government needs to invest more money in the future of the country by investing more in education. According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), New Zealand has one of the lowest levels of spending on primary and secondary education among all its members. If we want New Zealand to have a healthy economy, we need young people, who have received the best education possible, to enter the workforce.
Propose second area of spending and give reasons and examples	My second proposal is for an increase in government spending on affordable housing. Most young people can't find a place to rent, and buying a house is almost impossible. The 2022 Global Cost of Property report states that New Zealand is the 6 th most expensive country in the world to buy a house. People need help from the government to find a place to live.
Conclude	In conclusion, I hope you can agree that increasing spending on education and housing is very important for the future of New Zealand.

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Useful expressions

PURPOSE	EXPRESSIONS
Introduce a topic	<i>Thank you for taking the time to ...</i> <i>Today you'll hear about ...</i> <i>Today I'd like to talk to you about ...</i> <i>In particular, I want to talk about ...</i>
Engage audience	<i>The good news is ...</i> <i>Would you believe that ... has more than [doubled, halved, tripled etc.] in the past [10] years?</i> <i>How can we ... you might ask?</i>
Outline a problem	<i>That might sound good, but let's take a closer look at what that means in practice.</i> <i>That sounds good in theory, but let's take a closer look.</i>
Describe spending	<i>In [2023] out of a total of [200 billion dollars], the government spent [57 billion] dollars, or [28.5]% on ...</i> <i>The biggest area the government spent money on was ...</i> <i>The second largest area it spent on was ... at [18]%. In [equal] third place, [education and welfare both] received [15]%. </i>
Report statistics and evidence	<i>According to ...</i> <i>The [OECD] reports that ...</i> <i>The [Global Cost of Property] report states that ...</i>
Offer solutions	<i>It's clear that ...</i> <i>The answer has to be ...</i> <i>One idea would be to ...</i> <i>That would help us ...</i> <i>If we want ..., we need ...</i>
Conclude	<i>In conclusion, ...</i> <i>In summary, ...</i> <i>Thank you all for listening.</i>