

## What Contributes to the Success of an English Recitation Competition

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On the afternoon of Dec. 23 (Wednesday), the college hosted an English recitation competition among students. The activity went well and we were all very surprised with the success. As far as I know, the recitation competition can strongly show your ability of English learning, and at the same time, you can obtain much knowledge by participating in the activities. But, how can you be successful in an English recitation competition? In my own opinion, there are three main aspects which can help you succeed.

Firstly, the most important point is the knowledge of English. As we all know, you only have 5 minutes to prepare for a strange article before the competition. It means you have to understand the article in such a short time. If you know a wide background of English, it is easier for you to answer the question. So in order to succeed, you should read a great many books to get the knowledge. But on the other hand, it is not how many books you read, but what you read that really works. So the more preparation you do in advance, the less nervous you will be during the competition.

Secondly, confidence plays an important role in the competition. Don't be nervous that there are crowds of audience. Just do it! There is no doubt that nobody can avoid mistakes. So don't be afraid of making mistakes, just believe yourself, recite loudly and clearly to make yourself understood.

Last but not the least, practice! As an old saying goes: Practice makes perfect. It is believed that college is a big stage for students to show their talent and intelligence. You should take every opportunity and try your best to show yourself as often as possible. You can get more experience after a series of practice. In conclusion, there is no shortcut to master the ability of English recitation. Only when you have the ability of the English recitation, with careful preparation, self-confidence and experienced performance, can you truly succeed in the competition.

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