### **Speech Patterns Portfolio**

Complete the Speech Patterns portfolio item.

### **Portfolio Overview**

In this practice exercise, you will explore the importance of organizing the main ideas of a speech into a pattern.

### **Portfolio Goal**

Write a one- to two-page (250–500-word) paper answering the exercise questions.

### **Portfolio Details**

1. Write definitions for patterns of organization. In a one- to two-page (250–500-word) paper, write a brief definition or description in your own words for each of the following patterns used to structure the flow of information in a speech:
   * Topical Pattern
   * Chronological Pattern
   * Spatial Pattern
   * Causal Pattern
   * Monroe's Motivated Sequence
2. Read the following list of statements about the topic of friendship. Determine which of the patterns of organization might be useful to create a logical flow of information for the statements. Select one pattern of organization to use to organize the statements. It can be one of the five that you defined in Step 1 or another one from any of the lesson materials or another source.  
   **Statements about Friendship**
   * We develop an acquaintanceship.
   * Friendship is an interpersonal relationship between two persons that is characterized by mutual positive regard.
   * We meet.
   * In order to understand friendships, we need to see what a friendship is and its stages of development.
   * Friendship is one of the most important of our interpersonal relationships.
   * We develop an intimate friendship.
   * Friendships develop through various stages.
   * Friendships don't develop full-blown, but rather go through various stages—from the initial meeting to intimate friendship.
   * We develop a casual friendship.
   * By understanding friendship, we will be in a better position to develop and maintain productive and enjoyable friendships.
   * Friendship—an interpersonal relationship characterized by mutual positive regard—is one of our most important assets.
   * We develop a close relationship.
   * Friendship is vital to all of us.
3. Arrange the statements to form a logical flow. Modify your arrangement as many times as needed to fit one of the organizational patterns you learned about in the lesson.
4. On the top of a sheet of blank paper, write the heading *Introduction*. Determine which statements you would include in the speech introduction. Then fill in the rest of the components of an introduction.
5. On the top of a second sheet of blank paper, write the heading *Body*. Determine which statements you would include in the body of the speech.
6. On the top of a third sheet of blank paper, write the heading *Conclusion*. Determine which statements you would include in the conclusion of the speech. Then fill in the rest of the components of a conclusion.
7. In your word processing document, enter the headings and associated statements.
8. Answer the questions:
   * Which pattern of organization did you use to structure the flow of statements?
   * Are there any other patterns that you could have potentially used? If so, which one(s)?
9. When you have completed the assignment, save a copy for yourself in an easily accessible place and submit a copy to your instructor.

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