
Vocabulary: *public speaking* 词汇: 公众演讲

'Thank you' is a very **polite** thing to say when you are given something, and this is particularly important when receiving an award at a **prestigious** ceremony. But if you're one of the lucky winners, 'thank you' is just the start of the most important acceptance speech of your life.

Film, TV and music award ceremonies are all about the acceptance speeches – they are an **art form** in their own right. They are a chance for an actor or performer to publicly thank people who've helped them. In this year's BAFTAs, Letitia Wright even thanked God for her EE Rising Star award in an **emotional** acceptance speech.

Speeches are also used as a platform to make a political statement or just to raise someone's **profile** – so it's important to get the words right. And these words have to be delivered in a short amount of time. For example, at this year's Oscars, nominees have only 90 seconds from finding out they've won to finishing their speech. John Bailey, president of the Academy, has told them they should "get up there and keep speeches **brief**."

When the clock is ticking, it's hard to say everything you want. **Weeping** can waste time; **bumbling** costs valuable seconds. Experts in the field say it's important to be **personable**, **heartfelt** and to speak like you're talking to a friend. At the 2019 Golden Globes, Olivia Colman was named the best actress for her role as Queen Anne in *The Favourite* and gave an **endearingly** excited speech that ended with her holding up her trophy and sending a message to her family: "Ed and the kids - look! Yay!"

You would expect an actor to be **eloquent** and able to perform on stage in front of an audience. But for others, such as sports people, it can be more **awkward**. When Japan's Naomi Osaka won this year's Australian Open final, she said "Sorry, **public speaking** isn't my strong point so I hope I can get through this... I read notes before this but I still forgot what I was meant to say."

Preparation is key. It's important to make notes that remind you to thank people, say some **words of wisdom**, and **win over** the audience. But if you've got nothing to say, accept your award **graciously** then get off stage before the music starts playing again – just remember to say 'thank you'!

词汇表

polite	礼貌的
prestigious	有声望的
art form	艺术形式
emotional	动情的，激动的
profile	知名度，形象
brief	简短的，简洁的
weeping	流泪
bumble	结结巴巴地、支支吾吾地讲话
personable	讨人喜欢的，风度优雅的
heartfelt	真挚诚恳的
endearingly	使人喜爱地
eloquent	有说服力的，能言善辩的
awkward	难应对的，尴尬的
public speaking	公众演讲
words of wisdom	至理名言
win over	赢得…的喜爱
graciously	彬彬有礼地

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Name one of the major award ceremonies mentioned in the article.
2. How long have winners at this year's Oscars got to complete their acceptance speech?
3. Who should you think you're talking to if you want to make a good acceptance speech?
4. True or false? The winner of this year's Australian Open final had prepared what to say before accepting her winner's trophy.
5. Which word used in the article means 'an actor's part in a film'.

2. 请在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. I need to keep this meeting _____ as I've got a plane to catch.

emotional	polite	brief	eloquent
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2. When I was stressing over my exams, my mum was always there with some _____.

wisdom words	word wisdoms	words of wisdom	words of wisdoms
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3. She's going to a very _____ university if she gets the very high grades they have asked for – and if she can afford it!

prestigious	personable	eloquent	public speaking
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4. The comedian was able to _____ the audience with his personality, jokes and stories about his childhood.

won over	winned over	winning over	win over
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5. The manager gave a _____ apology for the severe delays to train services, which were caused by a power failure.

weeping heartfelt	endearingly	prestigious
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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. *Name one of the major award ceremonies mentioned in the article.*

The Oscars, BAFTAs or Golden Globes.

2. *How long have winners at this year's Oscars got to complete their acceptance speech?*

At this year's Oscars, nominees have only 90 seconds from finding out they've won to finishing their acceptance speech in order to save time.

3. *Who should you think you're talking to if you want to make a good acceptance speech?*

Experts suggest you should speak like you're talking to a friend.

4. *True or false? The winner of this year's Australian Open final had prepared what to say before accepting her winner's trophy.*

True. Japan's Naomi Osaka won this year's Australian Open final, and said "...I read notes before this but I still forgot what I was meant to say."

5. *Which word used in the article means 'an actor's part in a film'.*

The word is 'role'. Olivia Colman was named best actress for her role as Queen Anne in The Favourite.

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1. *I need to keep this meeting **brief** as I've got a plane to catch.*

2. *When I was stressing over my exams, my mum was always there with some **words of wisdom**.*

3. *She's going to a very **prestigious** university if she gets the very high grades they have asked for – and if she can afford it!*

4. *The comedian was able to **win over** the audience with his personality, jokes and stories about his childhood.*

5. *The manager gave a **heartfelt** apology for the severe delays to train services, which were caused by a power failure.*