

GRADUATION Party 2022



Party by the Pool

- a pool party at a hotel located in the town area
- each graduand to contribute \$80 for the event
- programme includes games and a concert, with attractive prizes to be won



Graduation in the Garden

- event comprises two segments, both conducted in school
- first segment in classrooms, second segment in the Orchid Garden
- opportunities to write notes of gratitude during the classroom segment and take photographs during the garden segment



Graduation – Our Day

- a ceremony held in the school hall
- graduation certificates presented by the guest of honour, an illustrious alumnus of the school
- tea served at the end of the ceremony



The Question

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Your principal has agreed to hold a graduation party for final-year students, with the objective of providing a platform for the students to show their gratitude and appreciation to both their teachers and friends in a meaningful and engaging way. As the level representative, you have received three suggestions on the type of party to organise, as presented on the previous page. Upon careful consideration, you feel that one of the suggestions best meets the objective of the event and you share your thoughts with your cohort.

Write a speech to your cohort mates on your suggested graduation party. You should include the following details:

- which one of the three suggestions you have chosen
- how the graduation party will be conducted
- why you think your choice is suitable
- how you and your cohort mates will prepare for the graduation party

You may add any other details you think will be helpful.

Write your letter in clear, accurate English. Your tone should be enthusiastic and persuasive, showing your excitement at celebrating your graduation with your teachers and cohort mates.

You should **use your own words** as much as possible.

The Speech

Graduation Party 2022

Good morning, cohort mates. I am Cassandra Goh, Level Representative of the Class of 2022.

As you know, our principal, Mrs Christine Chia, has kindly agreed to hold a graduation party for our cohort. This event is set to provide us with a platform to express our gratitude and appreciation to our teachers and friends in a meaningful and engaging way. Thank you for your suggestions and after weighing the advantages and disadvantages of each, I have chosen one which I think is best for us.

I feel that 'Graduation in the Garden' is a suitable choice for our graduation party. This event comprises two segments, the first of which will be held in our classrooms and the second in the Orchid Garden. We will be participating in different activities in each segment. The classroom segment begins with an opening address by our principal, Mrs Chia, followed by a speech by the Valedictorian of the Class of 2022. I am certain their speeches will bring us back to the time when we first set foot on our sprawling school campus, wide-eyed and eager to explore life in secondary school. We may also get the chance to reminisce the memorable moments we have had during our four-year journey here in Sunshine Secondary School. After the speeches, we will be given time to write our thank-you notes and well wishes for our teachers and friends. As you write your notes, there will be a video screening of the school events and activities that we have been a part of since the day we stepped into secondary school. I am sure that the video will evoke much laughter, especially when we relive some of the hilarious moments we had when we were younger and perhaps, less mature!

The second segment takes us to the Orchid Garden, the pride and joy of our school. Much effort has been put in by the Horticulture Club to maintain this garden and what better way to appreciate the stunning beauty of the different hybrids of orchids than to spend time in the Garden on such a momentous occasion? I am excited just thinking about the numerous opportunities we would have to take beautiful photographs with our teachers and friends against the backdrop of the colourful orchids. Besides having these photographs as keepsakes, we may also upload them on our school's official Instagram account, tagging them as #Classof2022. This way, we can share these precious memories with other members of our school community, such as our juniors. They say a picture paints a thousand words and I am sure that the photographs we take will capture the very essence of the times we spent in Sunshine Secondary School.

The activities in the two segments are of a different nature, yet they help us achieve the objective of expressing our gratitude and appreciation to both our teachers and friends in a meaningful and engaging way. Writing notes to our teachers and friends in the very classrooms where we have spent a large proportion of time during our final year in school will help jolt our memory to the times when we interacted with one another during lessons, the times when we racked our brains to come up with responses to tough examination questions, and simply the times when we sat around, joking and laughing during breaks. It is also engaging as we can recollect the times we spent together and pen down our thoughts for the people we care about. Decorating these notes with stickers and drawings adds that personal touch, making each note different from the others.

Apart from the classroom segment, the garden segment is also meaningful and engaging as we get to take photographs with our teachers and friends in a place that we so proudly call our own. This, in itself, is as priceless as it is meaningful. It is also engaging because we are able to walk around to view the different hybrids of orchids and decide on the ones that we would like to have as part of the photographs we take with our teachers and friends. As we do this, we may also take some time to read the information on the orchids prepared by the Horticulture Club. Even at our own graduation party, we still have the chance to gain new knowledge. Indeed, I feel that we would be left with nothing short of a holistic education, here at Sunshine Secondary School!

We can prepare for the graduation party by purchasing the stationery we would like to use in personalising our notes during the classroom segment. Apart from that, we may also source for meaningful quotes on gratitude and friendships which may make their way to the notes that we will be preparing for our teachers and friends. Since we would most likely be taking photographs using our mobile phones, we may also want to carry out research on applications with fancy filters and other effects which may be used to embellish our photographs. These would be a good-to-have on our mobile phones, particularly if we intend to upload our photographs on the school's official Instagram page.

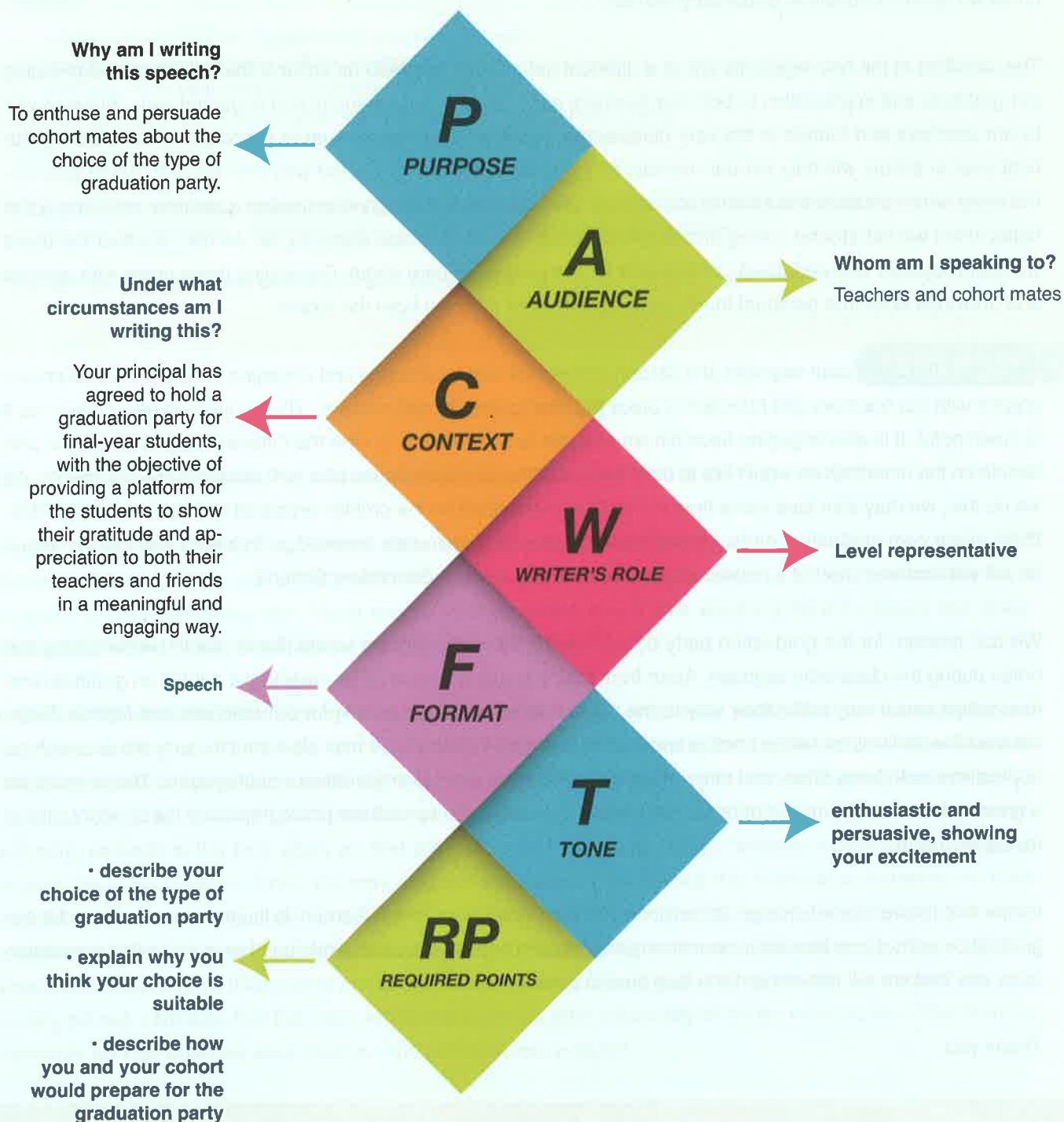
I hope that I have shared enough to convince you that 'Graduation in the Garden' is indeed a good choice for our graduation party. I look forward to your strong support and hope that we can work together to make this graduation party one that we will remember for a long time to come.

Thank you.



Analyse the Question

Before you start writing, consider the requirements of the question. Identify the Purpose, Audience and the Context so as to ensure that you communicate the messages effectively to the recipient. Other important aspects to consider include the writer's role, format and tone. In some cases, where the information given in the question is incomplete, you may have to use your own ideas.





How to Elaborate with Limited Information

What do you do when the given information is limited? Simply copying the information that is given in the stimulus will not be sufficient. Here are three tips that you might find useful.

1. State the given information
2. Expand on given ideas (Use WH questions to generate possible ideas)
3. Use the visuals to trigger related ideas

Paragraph 2:

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State the given information

Expand on given ideas

Ask yourself: what activities would take place at each segment and why?

It is not mentioned in the stimulus what exactly would happen at each segment. Hence, you will need to imagine what activities are appropriate for each segment.

State the given information

Expand on given ideas

Ask yourself:

Who are the notes for?

What else could be taking place when the notes are being written and why?



Sometimes, the visuals in the stimulus might trigger some ideas too and it is important you use them as much as you can.

Required Point: explain why you think your choice is suitable

Paragraph 3

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The visual of the selected choice is a photograph of the different hybrids of colourful and beautiful orchids. Hence, ask yourself, what can be a convincing reason for spending time in the garden.

Descriptions of the visual stimulus

Expand on given information

The given information also states that students will be taking photographs. Ask yourself: Why are photographs important? Where can these photographs be stored in this highly digital age?