

JAM for Billie!

An activity of "Getting to know Billie Eilish"

Some people give very long speeches. Their audience may get bored and stop paying attention. In which case, it is good to keep speeches brief sometimes — even as short as just a minute. In fact, just-a-minute (JAM) speeches can be very effective if done well. Try using a JAM speech to pay a tribute to superstar Billie Eilish.

A. ON YOUR OWN

1. Read "**Getting to know Billie Eilish**" (page 21, *What's Up* February 2020). Sit back and think hard about your biggest takeaway from this story. Is there a special lesson for you? Are you moved or inspired in some way? Do her words surprise you?
2. Prepare your JAM speech about that one takeaway. Jot down your main points here. If you prefer, you may write whole sentences. Practise by timing yourself. Remember: you have only 60 seconds for your JAM speech.

My main takeaway from this story about Billie Eilish:

Why I choose to talk about this one big point:



B. AS A WHOLE CLASS

1. Take turns to deliver your JAM speeches in class. When a classmate speaks, give that individual your undivided attention. Expect the same from others when you speak.

C. IN PAIRS

1. Reflect on how a JAM speech is different from longer speeches. What are some of its pros and cons? Draw on your own experience as well as what you observed when your classmates spoke to the whole class.