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Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## JAM Speeches

*An activity of "Recycling old ideas to reduce waste"*

Read "**Recycling old ideas to reduce waste**" (page 8, *What's Up* March 2021) to find out how two innovative engineers are helping people to be less wasteful. In your day-to-day lives, it is very important to be good to our planet by reusing, using less or even repurposing old things. We can also help by convincing others to do the same. This activity gives your class the opportunity to do that through JAM speeches.

Some people give very long speeches. But, that can be boring for the listeners. In which case, it may make sense to keep speeches brief — even as short as just a minute. In fact, just-a-minute (JAM) speeches can be very effective if you prepare them well.

1. Form six teams by dividing up your class into fairly equal numbers. Each team pretends to be running a campaign about recycling.

### WITHIN YOUR TEAMS

2. Prepare your JAM speeches individually. That is, every student should write a one-minute speech to convince the audience to reuse, repurpose, recycle or use less of whatever we have. The JAM speech should include (a) your concerns about our planet (b) why we must be kinder to Earth (c) examples of what every student can do.
4. Deliver your speech within your team. Every team then selects three students to compete with the rest of the class. The rest of the team should help their three speakers to improve their JAM speeches.

### AS A WHOLE CLASS

5. Conduct the campaign as a whole class. Each team fields its three speakers. Every speaker speaks for only one minute. Teams support their speakers with their clapping and cheers (but all remain silent while a student is speaking).
6. Vote, as a whole class, to select the five most convincing speakers. These five speakers can then go on to give their JAM speeches to another class or even during assembly.

### INDIVIDUALLY

7. Reflect on how a JAM speech is different from longer speeches. What are its pros and cons? Share your observations with other *What's Up* readers by emailing a note to [letters@whatsup.sg](mailto:letters@whatsup.sg). Include your full name, class, and school. If your letter is published, you will receive a prize.