**Chapter 4**

**LISTENING CRITICALLY**

**Chapter 4 Sample Speech Topics**

1. **Informative/*Proxemics***

As this chapter focuses on ethnocentrism and cultural differences, the work of Edward Hall and the specific differences in communication space between cultures is a fascinating topic. If the student can include demonstrative pictures, for example of how closely speakers from Middle Eastern countries stand while conversing in contract to those in America the speech will be extremely enlightening.

<http://www.csiss.org/classics/content/13>

This study summarizes Hall’s work and theories.

<http://www.ishk.net/hall.pdf>

Although this longer research is quite academic, it includes many studies that could lead to an interesting speech.

1. **Informative: Demonstration/*”How-to” Make Guacamole***

Because making guacamole does not require any cooking, numerous ingredients or cumbersome equipment, students are always delighted to snack during class. In addition to the demonstrative, sequential design of this topic, it should also include some research: where are avocados grown today, health benefits of avocados, where was guacamole first eaten, etc.

<http://www.burritophile.com/articles/2006/02/quick-history-of-guacamole.php>

This site provides a history of guacamole as well as a simple recipe.

<http://www.whfoods.com/genpage.php?tname=foodspice&dbid=5>

This research covers what’s new and beneficial about avocados.