**Chapter 8**

**INTEGRATING SUPPORT**

**Chapter 8 Sample Speech Topics**

1. **Informative/”*My Pat Rat (or snake or toucan or ferret or any out of the ordinary pet)***

Because this chapter focuses on narratives and analogies, whenever a student owns a particularly exotic pet, bringing in the pet always entertains the class. Keep the pet in its cage covered until you have finished your introduction, and then put it on display. If suitable, bring the pet around for students to touch. With that said, using analogies to compare having this pet to something more common, such as a dog or cat, makes the topic understandable. The speech necessitates research and statistics are effective.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Care-for-a-Pet-Rat>

This site explains why rats are great pets.

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2011/04/07/surprising-facts-about-pet-rats.aspx>

This article “Surprising Facts About Pet Rats” includes fun facts and statistics.

1. **Informative/*”Why Martha Stewart’s Assistant’s Reluctant Testimony was So Effective”***

Students probably don’t recall this famous trial that sent media celebrity Martha Stewart to prison. Her assistant’s reluctant testimony was what influenced the jury.

<http://money.cnn.com/2004/02/10/news/companies/martha/>

This report covers the assistant’s reluctant court testimony.

<http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/money/media/2004-02-09-stewart-trial-mon_x.htm>

Although students will very often have difficulty finding reluctant testimony, when they can, as this article describes, it is extremely effective.