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Text:	
Spoke in complete sentences.	
Used clear pronunciation and proper intonation.	
Feet remained flat on the floor.	
Hands remained still (gently gripping podium).	
Eyes up when speaking.	

Student Handout 1.1

The Sea Wasp

The sea wasp is the most venomous member of the jellyfish family. Its poisoning ability is many times greater than any snake. In its search for food such as small bottom dwelling shrimp, sea wasps often move very close to shore and to beach swimmers. It is so deadly that bathers stung by the sea wasp have died in the few seconds it takes them to stagger back to shore. It is almost completely transparent and can be difficult to see. Not found in the oceans near America or Europe, it is considered the scourge of Australia's beaches. This small blob of powerful neurotoxin could likely kill over fifty people. The sea wasp has been called the deadliest creature alive.

The Sea Wasp

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The Farmer and His Sons

A hard working farmer, stricken by a fatal illness, wished to be sure that his farm would continue to prosper and that his family would be taken care of. His sons were somewhat lazy, and he was afraid that they would be careless in tending the land. He called them to his bedside and said, "My sons, there is a great treasure hidden in one of my fields." The sons, after his death, took their spades and mattocks and carefully dug over every portion of the land. They were frustrated to find no treasure. However, because of their thorough "plowing," the fields yielded an extraordinary, abundant crop that year, and the family survived comfortably. Finally the sons realized that the "treasure" their father had spoken about was really the fruit of their own labor.

The Farmer and His Sons

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Student Handout 1.5

The Fox and the Goat

By an unlucky chance a Fox fell into a deep well from which he could not get out. A Goat passed by shortly afterwards and asked the Fox what he was doing down there. "Oh, have you not heard?" said the Fox, "There is going to be a great drought, so I jumped down here in order to be sure to have water by me. Why don't you come down too?" The Goat thought well of this advice and jumped down into the well. But the Fox immediately jumped on her back, and by putting his foot on her long horns, he managed to jump up to the edge of the well. "Goodbye, friend," said the Fox. "Remember to be careful of the advice of one in trouble."

Symbols and Abbreviations for Note Taking

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=	is, are			tant
≈	about, approximate	ely	ea	each
>	more than		tho	though
<	less than		thro	through
#	number		probs	problems
x	times		min	minimum, least
→	leads to, caused		max	maximum, most
Δ	change		btwn	between
1	or		bkgd	background
•••	therefore		vs	versus, against
†	increase, grow, gai	n	qty	quantity (amount)
. ↓	decrease, loss		hv	have
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Ŧ	female, woman, gir	·I	N.B.	note well (important)
0	male, man, boy		e.g.	for example
yrs	years		i.e.	that is
@	at		cp (cf)	compare
w/	with		ct	contrast
w/o	without		B4	before
w/i	within		р	after
wrt	with respect to		q	every
re:	regarding		ASAP	as soon as possible
b/c	because		STAT	immediately
s/t	something		f	frequently (often)
s/o	someone			