

Speech Delivery Report

Reference: Ronald Reagan — Address on the Space Shuttle Challenger, 28 Jan 1986

Participant: botched.flac

Overall 6.1 / 10

Pace	Pausing	Expressiveness	Volume & clarity	Fluency
6.2	2.0	4.8	10.0	7.4

Practise these first

1. Unplanned long pause at 13.5–16.5 s (Pausing, about 1.6 pts)

Close the gap at “and ... I”: about 0.18 s is enough here (you paused 2.98 s). Mark the next phrase in your script so the pause is a choice, not a search.

2. Monotone delivery at 22.6–24.9 s (Expressiveness, about 1.0 pts)

Give “our country. This is truly a” a melody: lift your pitch on “This” by about 1 semitone and let it fall at the end of the phrase (the reference moves 1.9 st here, you 0.5).

3. Rushed pace at 4.0–4.9 s (Pace, about 0.8 pts)

Slow down on “the state of the Union, but”: aim for about 6.3 syllables/s (you were at 9.2). Take a breath before the phrase and land each stressed syllable.

Transcript heatmap

green = like the reference · amber = noticeable difference · red = flagged flaw

Ladies and gentlemen, I'd planned to speak to you tonight to report on the state of the Union, but the events of earlier today have led me to change those plans. Today is a day for mourning and remembering. Nancy and I are pained to the core by the tragedy of the shuttle Challenger. We know we share this pain with all of the people of our country. This is truly a national loss. Nineteen years ago, almost to the day, we lost three astronauts in a terrible accident on the ground. But we've never lost an astronaut in flight; we've never had a tragedy like this.

Every flaw (4)

3.96–4.94 s · Rushed pace · Pace

“the state of the Union, but”

Why: Speech rate 9.2 syl/s vs baseline 6.2 syl/s (+47%, z=+11.2). Words are compressed; listeners lose the content.

Do: Slow down on “the state of the Union, but”: aim for about 6.3 syllables/s (you were at 9.2). Take a breath before the phrase and land each stressed syllable.

13.47–16.45 s · Unplanned long pause · Pausing

“and ... I”

Why: Silence of 2.98 s vs 0.18 s in the baseline (+2.80 s, z=+23.3) between “and” and “I”. A pause this long reads as a lost line, not emphasis.

Do: Close the gap at “and ... I”: about 0.18 s is enough here (you paused 2.98 s). Mark the next phrase in your script so the pause is a choice, not a search.

22.63–24.95 s · Monotone delivery · Expressiveness

“our country. This is truly a”

Why: Pitch movement 0.5 st vs baseline 1.9 st (-74%, z=-11.2). Intonation is flat, so key words get no emphasis.

Do: Give “our country. This is truly a” a melody: lift your pitch on “This” by about 1 semitone and let it fall at the end of the phrase (the reference moves 1.9 st here, you 0.5).

33.88–34.84 s · Disfluency (repeat/stutter) · Fluency

“we've”

Why: 0.70 s of voiced sound before "we've" that is not in the transcript (0.40 s more than the baseline at the same word). Typical of a repeated onset or a filler.

Do: Restart cleanly on "we've": if the word catches, stop for a beat and say it whole. Practise the phrase slowly three times, then at full speed.

Scores are deterministic: the same audio and transcript give the same report. Method: contrast/METHOD.md (AI Dataset Maker, Track C).