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Speech Topic:

- **Language and the People Around Us**: This presentation will discuss the communication needs that we have when we speak with people from other cultures, countries, and languages. This presentation will also include some interactive “role playing” to increase the participants’ new skills with intercultural communication in their lives.