**Speaking Assignment #1**

You are going to give a short presentation about a photograph by National Geographic photographer Annie Griffiths. Make sure that you have the website for the picture so that you can show the class the picture as you speak. You should practice your presentation several times out loud, and you should make sure that you include answers to the questions below. Your entire presentation should be about 45 – 60 seconds. Your presentation will be evaluated according to the rubric on the back of this paper.

**Suggestions of points to include in you presentation:**

1. What is the picture about?
2. Who / what is in the picture?
3. When and where was the picture taken?
4. Describe what you see in the picture.
5. What parts of the picture stand out to you the most?
6. Why do you like this picture?
7. How does the picture make you feel when you look at it?
8. Why did you choose this picture to share?

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|  | **F**  Anything below 30 pts | **D**  30-34 pts or 60-69% | **C**  35-39 pts or 60-69% | **B**  40-44 pts or 80-89% | **A**  45-50 pts or 90-100% |
| Intelligibility: The ability to make yourself understood by an average listener. | Did not do assignment.  0 pts | Not able to be understood by an average listener.  7 pts | Fairly intelligible, but causes listener to “strain” to understand.  8 pts | Mostly intelligible.  9 pts | Completely intelligible.  10 pts |
| Pronunciation: The accuracy of the formation of vowels, consonants, syllables, stress, and intonation. | Did not do assignment.  0 pts | Too many pronunciation problems to understand speech.  7 pts | Frequent mispronunciation which causes the listener to “strain” to understand.  8 pts | Mostly clear pronunciation with occasional inaccuracies that do not impede understanding.  9 pts | Clear and accurate pronunciation.  10 pts |
| Grammar: The appropriate use of verb tenses, subject-verb agreement, pronouns, singular/plurals, etc. | Did not do assignment.  0 pts | Too many grammar errors that prevent understanding.  7 pts | Frequent grammar errors that cause the listener to “strain” to understand.  8 pts | Occasional grammar errors, but not enough to prevent understanding.  9 pts | Good use of grammar in communication.  10 pts |
| Vocabulary / Language Choice: The use of vocabulary and choice of phrases and expressions to facilitate communication. | Did not do assignment.  0 pts | Little / no conscious use of vocabulary or useful expressions to facilitate communication  7 pts | Some conscious choice of vocabulary and phrases, but perhaps not accurately used.  8 pts | Some conscious choice of vocabulary and phrases and accurately used.  9 pts | Strong vocabulary and appropriate use of expressions and phrases to facilitate communication  10 pts |
| Fluency: The speed and connectedness of the speech. | Did not do assignment.  0 pts | Not enough fluency for listener to understand.  6 pts | Several halts, pauses, or problems with speed, but still understandable.  7 pts | A few halts or pauses, or maybe a little too slow or too fast.  8 pts | Fluid, smooth, and connected.  10 pts |