

# Malay Oral Discourse Study in Public Speaking: A Review

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## **Abstract**

*Oral speech is one of the important aspects of public speaking. In general, public speaking is a platform to convey information and messages to the audience. In this regard, mastery of the language is very important to ensure that the speech can be delivered to the audience effectively. However, not all oral speech contains clear information, systematic presentation, and good use of language. In relation to that, this study aims to describe previous studies done by scholars related to oral discourse and its importance to social communication. This study uses a qualitative approach and content analysis methods. A total of 16 articles published from 2000 to 2021 were examined and analyzed thematically. This study presents three categories of themes, namely leadership (5), linguistics (7) and skills (4) because all three are important to ensure that a person is skilled in speaking. The results of the study found that previous studies related to oral discourse included the themes of leadership (31%), linguistics (44%) and skills (25%). Overall, the three themes studied show that speakers use oral discourse to strengthen their speech and authority, while in luencing the audience to accept the message conveyed.*

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