**Famous People on Speech**

**You can talk without saying a thing. I don't ever want to be that type of person. *(Charles Barkley)***

**Sometimes the difference between a good speaker and a poor speaker is a comfortable nap. *(O. A. Battista)***

**Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret. *(Ambrose Bierce)***

**A man does not know what he is saying until he knows what he is not saying. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**A word to the wise ain’t necessary. It’s the stupid ones who need the advice. *(Bill Cosby)***

**When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new. *(The Dalai Lama)***

**To say nothing, especially when speaking, is half the art of diplomacy. *(Will Durant, historian)***

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**The good rain, like a bad preacher, does not know when to leave off. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**A man cannot speak but he judges and reveals himself. With his will, or against his will, he draws his portrait to the eye of others by every word. Every opinion reacts on him who utters it. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Who you are speaks so loudly I can’t hear what you’re saying. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

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**It isn't what they say about you, it's what they whisper. *(Errol Flynn)***

**When a man is asked to make a speech, the first thing he has to decide is what to say. *(Gerald Ford)***

**Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can’t, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it. *(Robert Frost, American poet)***

**You talk when you cease to be at peace with your thoughts. And in much of your talking, thinking is half murdered. (Kahlil Gibran)**

**Many who have the gift of gab don't know how to wrap it up. (Arnold H. Glasow)**

**All our other features are made for us, but a man makes his own mouth. (Oliver Wendell Holmes)**

**People talk loud and long, in order to say as little as possible. The really true and interesting things are the intrigues in the background, about which not a word is mentioned. (Franz Kafka)**

**One never realizes how much and how little he knows until he starts talking. (Louis L'Amour, in Bendigo Shafter)**

**The trouble with talking too fast is you may say something you haven't thought of yet. (Ann Landers)**

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**I believe in talking behind people's backs. That way, they hear it more than once. (Fran Lebowitz)**

**Great people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, and small people talk about wine. (Fran Lebowitz)**

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**Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they don’t compare with the number of stupid words spoken in earnest. *(Sam Levenson)***

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**In times like the present, men should utter nothing for which they would not willingly be responsible through time and eternity. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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**If nobody spoke unless he had something to say, the human race would very soon lose the use of speech. *(W. Somerset Maugham)***

**A man thinks that by mouthing hard words he understands hard things. *(Herman Melville)***

**A study in The Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: “Duh.” *(Conan O’Brien)***

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**Every speaker has a mouth, an arrangement rather neat. Sometimes it’s filled with wisdom, sometimes it’s filled with feet. *(Robert Orben)***

**Public speaking is a little like taking a vacation. It helps to know the right place to stop. *(Robert Orben)***

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**Be sincere, be brief, be seated. *(Franklin D. Roosevelt)***

**The best of us must sometimes eat our words. *(J. K. Rowling, in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets)***

**I’ve never found an interesting person with a foul mouth. *(Marilyn vos Savant, in Parade magazine)***

**At times, it is better to keep your mouth shut and let people wonder if you're a fool than to open it and remove all doubt. *(James G. Sinclair)***

**When you don't know what you're talking about, it's hard to know when you're finished. *(Tommy Smothers)***

**Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them. (Adlai Stevenson)**

**It's amazing what you can get if you quietly, clearly, and authoritatively demand it. (Meryl Streep)**

**Say what you have to say, not what you ought. (Henry David Thoreau)**

**Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. (Desmond Tutu)**

**The less you talk, the more you're listened to. (Abigail Van Buren, Universal Press Syndicate)**

**The four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so. (Gore Vidal)**

**Show me someone who never gossips, and I'll show you someone who isn't interested in people. (Barbara Walters)**

**Talk low, talk slow, and don't say too much. (John Wayne)**

**There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. (Oscar Wilde)**

**Since light travels faster than sound, is that why some people appear bright until you speak to them? (Steven Wright)**

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