

The origins of acceptance speeches - Armstrong and Miller



Look at the "Cromagnon English" text. Read it out in modern English, pausing in the right places. Then use it as a scaffold (Gerüst) to give a speech on something you have accomplished with a team.

"We give thanks to mighty warrior Ug slayer of cave beast (Ug! Ug! Ug!) you make words now"

Ug: "Me thank you for beast penis it mean lot to me but I not slay cave beast alone Rah make strong spear and Ugh he make cunning trap (*listige Falle*) and Scar act as bait (*Köder*) on mountain (Scar! Scar! Scar!) sadly Scar can't be here tonight but most of all me thank wife for help and support this not just for me this for anyone who ever have dream" (Ug! Ug! Ug)

Ug: "Me forget thank you!" "You dead to me"

Sean Penn's acceptance speech for "Best Actor" Oscar 2009

Listen to the speech and tick off the typical "chunks" you hear:

- I am touched by the appreciation
- it means a lot to me
- I've scribbled down some names
- I'd like to thank
- I wanted to thank
- can't be here tonight
- my circle of support
- for help and support
- and particularly