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When teaching Modern Algebra, I want to improve my students' skills in communicating mathematical ideas. To this end, I incorporated both speaking and writing about mathematics into the course grade. I'll talk about what I did and how the students reacted. (Received August 20, 2008)