



# Impromptu Speaking

## EVALUATION SHEET

### INSTRUCTIONS

Contestants should be evaluated and ranked based on effectiveness of delivery, organization of ideas and the overall impression of the speech. Students draw three topics and have three minutes to prepare a speech. The maximum time limit for speaking is five minutes. There is no minimum time limit. Topics may be serious or humorous in nature. Note cards may not be used during the presentation. Please make your comments using language understandable to the contestant. Students and instructors appreciate constructive narrative comments. Please do not confer with other judges before ranking students. Judging decisions are an individual responsibility.

**Speaker Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speaker Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section** \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic** \_\_\_\_\_

### CRITERIA

Evaluate the contestant in each category. Do NOT total these numbers to determine rank in the round. They are only designed to give the contestant an indication of strengths and weaknesses.

QUESTION	NEEDS WORK	GOOD	SUPERIOR		
1. Was the presentation organized clearly and effectively?	1	2	3	4	5
2. Was the speaker's delivery smooth and articulate?	1	2	3	4	5
3. Did the student have adequate eye contact?	1	2	3	4	5
4. Did the student have a creative approach to the topic?	1	2	3	4	5
5. Was the speaker poised and confident?	1	2	3	4	5
6. Did the speaker have vocal variety?	1	2	3	4	5
7. Was the speaker interested and enthusiastic?	1	2	3	4	5
8. Did the speaker communicate with the audience?	1	2	3	4	5

### WRITTEN EVALUATION

Comments should be constructive and supportive.

*Judge's signature* \_\_\_\_\_



**A+ IMPROMPTU SPEAKING TOPICS**  
2017-2018 Invitational  
**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

1. What animal makes a great pet and why...
2. The best thing to do on a rainy day is...
3. The most fun holiday is ...
4. What I miss about being a little kid is...
5. The perfect day consists of...
6. Physical exercise is important because...
7. One thing I could impress someone with is...
8. The most difficult thing I've ever done is...
9. What motivates me is...
10. My personal mascot would be...
11. The coolest thing I've seen in a museum is...
12. Something I wish my teachers knew about me is...
13. Horror movies are...
14. If I could meet someone famous it would be...
15. Three things I am nervous about for high school are...

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FINAL ROUND

1. Success is...
2. If I met a historical figure...
3. Because of my favorite teacher...
4. A hero is a hero because...
5. If I could solve one major world problem...
6. My dream job...
7. Challenges improve people by...
8. If there was one country I could visit it would be...
9. An alien would look like...
10. An example of bravery is...
11. My favorite smell is...
12. A 4-day school week is...
13. Recycling is...
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2017-2018 Fall/Winter District  
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1. In a world without cell phones...
2. Team sports help...
3. One subject that schools should offer is...
4. If I could live forever...
5. The most important school subject is...
6. The Internet has changed the world through...
7. A good friend...
8. America is the "Land of the Free" because...
9. My favorite arts and craft project as a kid was...
10. When I grow up, my house will look like...
11. Confidence comes from...
12. A good role model...
13. I can learn from my mistakes by...
14. My favorite time of the year is...
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2. One negative aspect of cell phones is...
3. Manners are important because...
4. My biggest pet peeve is...
5. School uniforms are...
6. Competition is...
7. One community project I would like to see is...
8. Good sportsmanship means...
9. With more time, I would...
10. If I were an employer, the type of person I would hire...
11. An influential person in my life is...
12. Nature is important because...
13. The best things in life are...
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2. If I was stuck in a cave for a night...
3. A picnic must include...
4. The greatest invention ever is...
5. The scariest animal is...
6. School spirit is...
7. My ideal bedroom looks like...
8. My favorite summer vacation spot is...
9. The color green reminds me of...
10. The most challenging job is...
11. In a perfect world...
12. One meal I can prepare very well is...
13. The secret to a happy life is...
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2. A good leader...
3. Social media influences...
4. If the whole country could hear me, I would talk about...
5. Because I live in Texas...
6. Self-confidence is...
7. Advertising is...
8. I would like an endless supply of...
9. Without cars...
10. The world would be better with...
11. Teenagers and adults think differently about...
12. Sacrifice means...
13. My favorite book is...
14. The best advice I've ever gotten is...
15. An invention I would use is...

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