



# 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**  
2018-2019 Invitational  
**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

1. One food I wish did not exist is...
2. If I had a garden, it would have...
3. If the temperature outside were the same year-round, it should be...
4. One time I was mistaken for...
5. A way my best friend and I are similar is...
6. Something we can all do to save money is...
7. If I were in charge of decorating my house, it would look like...
8. An animal I want as a pet is...
9. My favorite method of transportation is...
10. The most famous person I have ever met...
11. The best Halloween costume I've ever worn...
12. A sport many people like that I don't...
13. My least favorite chore is...
14. If I were able to play any musical instrument, it would be...
15. My favorite thing to do with my friends is...

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FINAL ROUND

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2. My favorite tradition is...
3. If I could invent a planet, the landscape would be...
4. The best season is...
5. My favorite kind of art is...
6. If the day had more than 24 hours...
7. Three ways to protect the environment are...
8. If I could spend a million dollars on other people, I would...
9. First impressions are sometimes misleading because...
10. Four ways to practice everyday kindness are...
11. If I were to invent a language, it would sound like...
12. When I realized what I was looking at was not human...
13. If I were in charge of one part of the government, I would pick...
14. I hope there is a scientific breakthrough soon on...
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2. My siblings and I argue about...
3. A good leader that I remember is...
4. My creative outlet is...
5. A memory I wish I captured in a photograph...
6. The best birthday party I've ever had...
7. My first act as president would be...
8. Teamwork is important when...
9. The most difficult subject in school is...
10. Honesty is good because...
11. If I wrote articles for a newspaper, I would write about...
12. My favorite type of movie is...
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14. If I could only talk about one thing for a whole day, I would talk about...
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2. A language I would like to speak is...
3. We should all know how to read because...
4. Sunlight feels like...
5. A peaceful world would look like...
6. If my house was haunted by a friendly ghost...
7. A time when I had to work on a team to achieve a goal is...
8. The most important person in my life is...
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10. If I lived in a different time in history, I would pick...
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2. I would like to invent a robot that...
3. A place I would like to volunteer at is...
4. My dream car is...
5. Something we should not have to pay for...
6. Justice is...
7. A celebrity who I think I would be good friends with is...
8. I wish we had more \_\_\_\_\_ weather in Texas...
9. As a kid, I wish I had the power to...
10. If calculators did not exist...
11. Sports teach us...
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2. Innovation means...
3. I spotted the jewelry thief running through the crowd, so I...
4. It's important to talk calmly even when you disagree because...
5. An event in history that changed the course of the world is...
6. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder because...
7. If I was the teacher of my class...
8. Something that teaches us responsibility...
9. If I replaced the star of a movie, the movie and role would be...
10. If I had a sixth sense, it would be...
11. What it means to be a Texan...
12. A superpower that would be both good and bad to have is...
13. By the time I am thirty years old, I want to...
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