



# 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  
2020-2021 Invitational  
PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. A time when I felt defeated was...
2. My favorite season of the year is...
3. The hardest decision I ever had to make was...
4. If I could teach a skill, it would be...
5. If I went on a road trip with one person, it would be...
6. It's important to say sorry because...
7. Responsibility means...
8. The best thing about summer vacation is...
9. Something I am looking forward to as I grow up is
10. If I found a hundred dollars on the street, I'd...
11. It's important to be kind because...
12. If I could travel to the past, I would...
13. My dream job is...
14. My favorite vegetable to eat is...
15. The best thing I ever created was...

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2019-2020 Invitational  
FINAL ROUND

1. Recycling is important because...
2. An endangered animal I want to help save is...
3. The biggest challenge I ever faced was...
4. An afterschool program I would want to start would be...
5. If I discovered a town, I would call it...
6. You shouldn't be so quick to trust a stranger because...
7. If I was in the Olympics, I would compete in...
8. The craziest day of my life...
9. I paid it forward by...
10. A song that I most relate to is...
11. If I was invisible for a day, I would...
12. The best gift I ever received was...
13. A way I can contribute more to society is...
14. If I could change my name, I'd change it to...
15. If I wrote a book about my life, it would be titled...

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**2020-2021 Fall/Winter District**  
**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

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2. My favorite time of the day is...
3. If I was a doctor, I would specialize in...
4. My biggest worry about the future is...
5. If I could only save one possession from a fire, I'd...
6. Loyalty means...
7. If I was a professional athlete, I would play...
8. An activity I would like to do more with my family is...
9. A way I calm myself down when I'm scared is...
10. The most beautiful thing I have ever seen...
11. If I could have a party with any theme, I would pick...
12. The best gift I have ever given...
13. If I was the star in any movie, I would be...
14. If I started a collection, it would be of...
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2. A time the outcome of a situation was not in my favor was...
3. My favorite genre of music is...
4. The most rewarding job is...
5. I would describe my personal style as...
6. The best way to get a point across, is to...
7. If I was president for a day...
8. I feel the world needs more...
9. A time I gave into peer pressure...
10. A culture I wish I understood more...
11. Something I was taught growing up that I don't believe in, is...
12. The person I think deserves to have his or her face on a bill of money, is...
13. A food item I would add to the school lunch menu would be...
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2020-2021 Spring District  
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2. In order for something to be meaningful...
3. If I could learn to cook one meal, it would be...
4. The first thing I would buy if I won the lottery is...
5. My favorite tv show is...
6. My idea of good art is...
7. Something I lost that I wish I could have back is...
8. I can avoid peer pressure by...
9. A time when it is okay to lie is...
10. If I could be a famous person for a day, I would be...
11. My perfect weekend consist of...
12. If I was the school principal for a day...
13. The best dream I have ever had was...
14. The food I think is best for your health is...
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3. It's better to be a kid than an adult because...
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5. Something you can never have too much of is...
6. The best activity for team building is...
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9. If I started a business, it would be...
10. An incurable disease I would find the cure for would be...
11. Parents get frustrated because...
12. If I heard a false rumor about my friend, I would...
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