



# 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* \_\_\_\_\_



# Contest Director's Ranking Sheet for a panel of judges in speaking events

**EVENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION**    I        II        III        IV        FINALS

**BEFORE RANKING, CHECK THE FOLLOWING**

- Evaluation sheets have ranks       Speaker order       Length of presentation

**CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING PLACES AND BREAKING TIES**

Follow this order to place all contestants.

1. Majority (Watch for the "or better" language in determining a majority.)
2. Lowest sum
3. Judges' preference
4. Decimal equivalentents

**NOTES**

1. See Section 1003 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* or the *A+ Handbook* for a full discussion of this procedure.
2. Ties must be broken before other contestants are placed.
3. Be careful! The lowest total does not automatically win. Follow prescribed order of criteria for each ranking.
4. A computer program is available for multiple judge tabulation. See the UIL Web site.

Speaker Number	Judge I	Judge 2	Judge 3	Totals	Preference*	Decimal Value*	Rank
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

\* Judges' preference and decimal values are used only to break ties.



# JUDGE'S MASTER BALLOT

**CIRCLE EVENT:** Impromptu Speaking    Modern Oratory    Oral Reading    Storytelling

## INSTRUCTIONS

Each judge should use a copy of this form to rank each of the presentations in the contest. Please do not confer with other judges before ranking students. Judging decisions are an individual responsibility. Refer to the *Constitution and Contest Rules* or Evaluation Sheet for the criteria used to evaluate the presentations.

**DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE LEVEL** \_\_\_\_\_ **ROUND**     Prelims     Finals

SPEAKER NUMBER	NAME	TITLE	JUDGE RANK
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____

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



**A+ IMPROMPTU SPEAKING TOPICS**  
2014-2015 Invitational  
**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

1. If I woke up and I was invisible, I would...
2. A successful human being...
3. If I was fearless, I would...
4. A sense of humor is...
5. Uniforms in school...
6. Being young is...
7. My favorite month is...
8. The secret to being happy is...
9. One thing that fascinates me is...
10. I wish I knew how to build a...
11. If the school week was only four days long...
12. My happy place is...
13. Forgiveness means...
14. Rumors are...
15. Asking questions is important because...

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**FINAL ROUND**

1. If we all did things we were capable of...
2. The best way to spend a rainy day is...
3. Two surprising facts about me are...
4. A smart person might not be wise because...
5. Once upon a time in a far away land...
6. My favorite family tradition is...
7. My biggest concern for the future is...
8. Laughter is the best medicine for life because...
9. The media is a powerful force because...
10. An ideal hero is someone who...
11. Team sports build character because...
12. The most influential event in my life was when...
13. I lose track of time when I am...
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**2014-2015 Fall/Winter District**  
**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

1. I believe in taking care of the Earth because...
2. I am thankful for...
3. The biggest example of kindness I have seen is...
4. When I grow up, I...
5. It is important to...
6. My favorite saying is...
7. Technology has...
8. If I were five years older, I would...
9. If I were five years younger, I would...
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2. I predict that...
3. People often forget that...
4. One day I woke up and...
5. After I turned the eerie key in the lock...
6. First impressions are...
7. The greatest invention so far is...
8. I believe strongly that...
9. If I was hiring someone for a job, I would look for someone who...
10. Having good sportsmanship means...
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2014-2015 Spring District  
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2. Texting causes people to...
3. One elective my school should offer is...
4. Strength comes from...
5. If I met an alien, I would...
6. If I could star in any TV show...
7. An ideal birthday party...
8. The smartest person I know...
9. The biggest thing I ever saw was...
10. I recently learned facts about...
11. If I could fly I would...
12. Friendship means...
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14. My dream teacher...
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3. I cannot imagine...
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5. The best thing about being young is...
6. Life is like a...
7. The best piece of advice I can give...
8. One person I care greatly about is...
9. Something I have learned from a friend is...
10. As I approached the deserted house at the end of the path, I...
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