



Impromptu is a limited preparation speech in which the speaker is given two minutes to prepare a five-minute speech on a randomly drawn topic.

IMPROMPTU EVENT RULES

- The speech must be an original work, prepared on the spot. The speaker must speak on one of the topics drawn.
- Each round's topics must come from a single category. The categories shall be either a selection of quotations, phrases or abstract words.
- All judges will have a list of topics for the round.
- Each speech should be evaluated on the quality of the analysis and presentation, not the opinions presented. Speakers are permitted to express opinions that are contrary to those of the judge.
- A judge in each room will have the envelope of topics for the round. The judge will remove the topics from the envelope and place them face down on the table. The speaker will draw three topics, choose one, and return the other two. Prep time begins when the speaker draws the first topic. The speaker may keep all three topics during their prep time. The speaker may take his chosen topic out of the room at the end of his speech, but may not disclose the speech topic to other individuals until the round is over.
- No outside sources may be brought into the room other than a blank piece of paper. The speaker may write notes on a blank piece of paper during prep time, but no written notes may be used during the speech.
- The chosen topic paper may be held and quoted from during the speech. No notes may be written on the chosen topic paper.
- The speaker must state the chosen topic early in the speech. A one rank penalty is required for failure to do so.
- The speaker may approach the topic creatively, but the chosen topic must be the central theme of the speech and not peripheral to it. A one rank penalty is required for failure to adhere to the chosen topic.
- Humor and satire are permitted.
- Gratuitous vulgarity is not allowed. Gratuitous vulgarity refers to vulgar, obscene, or profane language or gestures that are included for shock value.
- Props and audiovisuals are not allowed. This refers to any physical item that might be used to animate or illustrate the speech.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Speakers may not listen to other Impromptu speakers before speaking themselves. They may remain in the room after giving their speech.

- Unused preparation time may not be added to the speaking time.
- Time limit: 2-minute preparation time; 5-minute maximum speaking time; no minimum time.