



*Impromptu is a limited preparation speech in which the speaker draws a topic and is given two minutes to prepare a unique and meaningful five-minute speech.*

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## Limited Preparation Speech

1. **General Speech Rules** must be followed in addition to these Event Rules.
2. **Preparation time** is limited to a two-minute maximum. **Speech time** is limited to a five-minute maximum.
3. **A unique speech** must be prepared and delivered in the competition room.
4. **Written or printed materials** must not be brought into the competition room.
5. **Preparation time** begins when the speaker draws a topic card in the competition room.
  - **A topic card** contains two topics taken from categories including table topics, quotations, or abstract words.
  - **The speaker** must prepare and speak on one of the two topics.
  - **The chosen topic** may be underlined, but no notes may be written on the topic card.
  - **Notes** may be written on the blank paper provided by the head judge, but the speaker may not use the paper during the speech.
  - **Phones and electronic devices** may not be used to access the internet or view materials.
  - **Unused preparation time** may not be added to the speech time.
6. **During the delivery of the speech:**
  - **The topic card** may be held during the speech. No other written or printed materials may be held.
  - **The chosen topic** must be stated early in the speech.