



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.

Impromptu Event Rules

Limited Preparation Speech

1. **General Speech Rules** must be followed in addition to these Event Rules.
2. **Topics** will be taken from categories including abstract words, phrases, quotations, or table topics.
3. **Preparation time** is limited to a two-minute maximum. **Speech time** is limited to a five-minute maximum.
4. **A unique speech** must be prepared and delivered during each competition round.
5. **During preparation time:**
 - **The speaker** must prepare to speak on one of the two assigned topics.
 - **No notes may be written** on the topic card.
 - **Notes** may be written on the blank paper provided by the speaker, but the speaker may not use the paper during the speech.
 - **Previously written or printed materials** must not be accessed.
 - **Phones, computers, and other electronic devices** may not be used to view materials, to research, or to request, send, or receive information.
 - **Unused preparation time** may not be added to the speech time.
6. **During the delivery of the speech:**
 - **The speaker** must speak on one of the two assigned topics.
 - **The assigned 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.