

Impromptu

(for ages 13+)

Literally means *not prepared ahead of time; made or done without preparation.*

As a 4-H Public Presentation option, an Impromptu speech is a short speech in which you pull a topic from a hat and use 20 minutes to prepare a 5-8 minute speech.



Topics do not require research, just organization of thoughts and creativity.

As with all the other Public Presentation types, your Impromptu speech should contain:

◆ An **INTRODUCTION**

- ◇ Include an opening, personal story, quote or attention grabbing statement, and a preview of your speech.

◆ A **BODY**

- ◇ The heart of your speech. Include main points with expansion, overall theme or thesis.

◆ And **CONCLUSION**

- ◇ Include a brief summary and closing thoughts.

Topic Selection

You will randomly pick two prompts, then choose the one you are more comfortable with.

Topic Examples

“I admire my 4-H Leader, because...”

“I am a 4-H member, because...”

“Who is your role model and why?”

“What does pledging your heart to greater loyalty mean?”

“What makes people interesting?”

“Should schools have a dress code?”

Impromptu Evaluation Guidelines

Judges are looking for the following qualities in an Impromptu Speaker:

Individual (15 points)

Appearance

- Neat, well groomed, good posture

Voice

- Pleasing, clear, distinct, correct English

Shows poise & enthusiasm

Presentation (50 points)

Introduction

- Attention getting, states purpose

Body

- Main points stated clearly

Summary

- Interesting, short but complete

Demonstration given convincingly

Subject Matter (25 points)

Well organized

Time (5-8 minutes)

Practical questions answered accurately

Overall Impression (10 points)

