

Impromptu Speech

Total Points: 20 Points

Description: This 2 to 3 minute speech requires approximately two minutes of preparation time. While no outside research is required, you should have an introduction, a body (with three main points), and a conclusion.

Rationale: At times in your life, you will be asked to give a speech with little or no advance notice. The ability to quickly organize your thoughts and ideas into a simple, clear, and effective speech is an asset. Understanding how much content is required to provide a speech of appropriate length is also highly important. Knowing how to present an impromptu speech that relies on your personal experiences and knowledge will be beneficial in many professional, personal, and academic situations.

Materials: Printed Impromptu Speech grading rubric (available on Blackboard), up to three notecards, and your speech folder.

Requirements:

- **Time Limit:** 2 to 3 minutes
- **Time Deduction:** 1 point for each 15 seconds over or under the time limit (4 point maximum deduction)
- **Note cards:** up to 3