

Impromptu Speeches

An Impromptu speech is:

- ✓ Written and presented on a topic that you draw 5 minutes prior to your speech.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Impromptu Ages 7-9	1	No	1-5 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Impromptu Ages 10-13	1	No	1-5 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Impromptu Ages 14-18	1	No	1-5 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Note card & Pencil
- Topics to be drawn

Rules:

1. The 4-H member will draw three topics and choose one to speak on.
2. Topics not selected are returned to the pool to be drawn by another competitor.
3. Participant will have 5 minutes to prep.
4. Prep time arrangements will be left to the County/District at their competitions. Regional 4-H Presentation Day Prep Time will be done in the room with the judge.
5. No outside resources may be brought into the prep area.
6. The 4-H member must speak about the topic selected and clearly state the topic in the speech’s introduction.
7. You must present your presentation in person.
8. The judge will serve as the timekeeper.
9. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
10. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Resources: (Can be found at the K-State bookstore or ask your local office)

- Kansas 4-H Effective Presentation Tips Publication 4H984



Name: _____ Age: Junior (7-9) | Intermediate (10 -13) |Senior (14 - 18)

Club: _____ Start Time: _____ | End Time: _____

Extension Unit: _____

Title: _____

Weight		P	B	R	W	Comments
20	Content Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses topic significantly, demonstrates style, originality, and creativity • Meets time requirement • Uses outside evidence and/or appropriate and varied use of illustrations and examples 					
30	Organization and Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates a clear thesis statement • Discusses the topic using appropriate analysis and reasoning • Incorporates a strong introduction and conclusion demonstrates a logical • Well-reasoned flow of ideas • Balances the development of each point and incorporated fluid transitions 					
25	Vocal Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates directly and sincerely • Holds audience's attention • Speaks clearly and conversationally • Incorporates proper vocal techniques including projection, articulation, tone/pitch, rate/fluency, and inflection • Demonstrates accurate pronunciation 					
25	Physical Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays appropriate gestures and facial expressions • Exhibits good energy level, passion, movement, and posture 					

Penalties: Reduction by One Ribbon

___ Exceeds Time (30-second grace period)

___ Failed to State Topic in Speech

Top Purple Alternate Top Purple Purple Blue Red White Judge's Initial: _____