

# Impromptu Speech

## Assignment:

For this speech, you will choose a topic out of a hat and have two minutes to prepare your speech. You may use an index card, but it is not required. You must make the one minute time limit. Remember to follow the format for a speech: introduction, body, and conclusion.

## Topics:

Topics will be FAVORITES. Examples: favorite movie, favorite snack food, favorite place to visit.

Requirements:

- Make the 1 minute time limit.
  - If you don't, you get an automatic F. You have two tries to make time. Second time is with a new topic.
- Introduction (attention-getter, thesis, and preview of main points)
- Body – You must have three distinct points
- Transitions – You must have transitions between main points
- Conclusion (Summary of Main Points and a clincher that rounds off—it must relate back to the attention-getter)
- Speech will be graded on the above plus eye contact, gestures, and stance and body movement. Your body should not move unless you are moving position for each new main point.

## Suggest Points

Your three main points can be anything, but you can follow the following format.

1. **Description** of the favorite item or place
2. Information on **why** it is your favorite
3. A **personal story** about the item

There are other possible main points.

- **History** of the item
- The time you **began** using the item

You have only 2 minutes to prepare for this speech, so you might want to have an idea of how you would organize before you get your topic. Do not waste your time writing too much on your index card. If you write your three main points, that will help you with your P.O.M.P, your body, and your S.O.M.P. You probably shouldn't write an attention-getter; you should be able to just say it.