

# Extemporaneous Public Speaking

## DESCRIPTION

FFA members are given an agriculture topic on which to give an impromptu speech.

## OBJECTIVE

Students will be able to:

1. Express themselves on a given subject without preparation or rehearsal.
2. Formulate remarks for a limited presentation time.
3. Discuss a subject in a clear, concise manner.
4. Become familiar with current agricultural issues.

## GUIDELINES

Reference Materials: Contestants are allowed reference material in the contest preparation room. Each contestant may have no more than five items. Each item may be a notebook, folder, or a printed book. A notebook or folder may consist of no more than 100 pages (50 pages of double sided copies). All materials in the notebook should be original printed materials or photocopies of original materials. They cannot contain notes, speeches prepared by the candidate, or random notes prepared by another person for use in this contest. **Printed books are not limited to the number of pages in the book.** Materials found not in compliance will be confiscated and returned after the contest.

The contestants will randomly draw three speech topics out of five possible topics. After selecting the topic that they desire to speak on out of the three, all three topics will be returned to the original group of topic areas prior to the next drawing.

Topics will relate to current agricultural issues, including, but no limited to, the following:

- Environment
- Agricultural Technology
- Animal Agriculture
- Agricultural Careers
- Trade and Economics
- Agricultural Policy
- Food Safety

Time: Contestants will have 30 minutes from drawing their topic to prepare for their speech.

One additional contestant will be admitted at 15 minute intervals as the preparation schedule progresses.

Speeches should be between four and six minutes, with time deductions of one point per second for time over or under. Speakers may use a watch to keep record of their time.

At the conclusion of the speech, judges will be allowed five minutes to ask questions pertaining to the speakers subject.

Note cards will be provided to each contestant for use during the 30 minute preparation period. Contestants may use note cards while speaking (deductions may be made if the note card use detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation). Contestants' note cards must be turned in at the conclusion of the presentation. A podium may be used at the discretion of the candidate.

## Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Freshman Extemporaneous Public Speaking Scorecard

**Contestant:**

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**Chapter:**

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<i>ITEMS TO BE SCORED</i>	<i>MAXIMUM POINTS</i>	<i>SCORE</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
Knowledge of Subject	200		
Organization of Materials	100		
Power of Expression	200		
Voice	100		
Stage Presence	100		
General Effect	100		
Response to Questions	200		
Total Points (Gross)	1000		
Time Deductions	1 pt/second		
<b>Total Points (Net)</b>			

OTHER

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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