

Impromptu Speeches

Lesson Plan

Objective: The student will practice the basic speech skills of brainstorming material quickly, organizing content, and body and voice control.

Materials: List of impromptu topics, timer, index cards, time cards. Note: The attached lists increase in level of difficulty with each page.

Procedure:

- Student volunteers to give his speech.
- Teacher asks the student to choose a number between 1-35.
- Student chooses a number and the teacher reads him his topic.
- Student has one minute to brainstorm on his topic. (More advanced students should be able to speak with no prep time.)
- Student may want to organize his thoughts into an outline on an index card.
- Teacher sets the timer for one minute.
- After one minute, the student gives his speech, speaking for at least one minute.
- After the one minute mark has been reached, the timekeeper signals the speaker with a time card.
- Class discussion of positive and negative aspects of the speech.
- Next speaker chooses a topic. Note: No topic should repeat for a given class.

Assessment:

Early on, the students can be give full credit for completing the speech. Later on they can be graded based on content, body and vocal control, credibility, and audience response.

Impromptu Topics 1

- 1) Bathrooms
- 2) TV
- 3) FaceBook
- 4) Homework
- 5) The Internet
- 6) Football
- 7) Cigarettes
- 8) The Bus
- 9) Lunch
- 10) Computers
- 11) Hobbies
- 12) Drugs
- 13) Cell Phones
- 14) Airplanes
- 15) Disney World
- 16) Movies
- 17) Sleep
- 18) Tattoos
- 19) Concerts
- 20) Videogames
- 21) Cats
- 22) Dogs
- 23) Teachers
- 24) Cars
- 25) Clothes
- 26) The Beach
- 27) Friends
- 28) Love
- 29) Freshman Year
- 30) Report Cards
- 31) Chores
- 32) Braces
- 33) FCAT
- 34) Commercials
- 35) Makeup

Impromptu Topics 2

- 1) Restaurants
- 2) Backpacks
- 3) Boyfriends
- 4) Girlfriends
- 5) The Mall
- 6) School
- 7) Pets
- 8) Smoking
- 9) Sports
- 10) Junk Food
- 11) Books
- 12) Pictures
- 13) Summer
- 14) Holidays
- 15) Candy
- 16) Name-Brand Clothing
- 17) Parties
- 18) Homework Excuses
- 19) Jobs
- 20) Kids
- 21) Remote Controls
- 22) Starbuck's
- 23) Students
- 24) Favorite TV show
- 25) Favorite Color
- 26) Favorite Looney Toon or Disney Character
- 27) Favorite Memory
- 28) Favorite Song
- 29) Favorite Movie
- 30) Favorite Animal
- 31) Biggest Fear
- 32) IPOD's
- 33) Parents
- 34) Video Stores
- 35) Eyes

Impromptu Topics 3

- 1) Favorite Actor/Actress
- 2) Favorite Classes
- 3) Favorite Stores
- 4) Favorite Musician
- 5) Favorite Holiday
- 6) Romance
- 7) Dress Codes
- 8) Rap Music
- 9) Life after High School
- 10) Traveling
- 11) The Super Bowl
- 12) Basketball
- 13) Eyeglasses
- 14) Making Speeches
- 15) Awards
- 16) Weddings
- 17) Brothers
- 18) Sisters
- 19) Breakfast
- 20) The World Cup
- 21) Ice Cream
- 22) Getting Sick
- 23) Weather
- 24) Baseball
- 25) Hair
- 26) Shoes
- 27) Teenage Jobs
- 28) Yearbooks
- 29) Whining
- 30) Trophies
- 31) Shyness
- 32) Pens
- 33) Late Night TV
- 34) Soap Operas
- 35) 7-11

Impromptu Topics 4

- 1) Sky-Diving
- 2) Sleeping in Class
- 3) Stuffed Animals
- 4) Cartoons
- 5) Newspapers
- 6) Surfboards
- 7) Flowers
- 8) Handwriting
- 9) Hamburgers
- 10) Fancy Restaurants
- 11) Graduation
- 12) Getting to Class
- 13) Writing on the Desk
- 14) Motorcycles
- 15) Summer School
- 16) Recycling
- 17) Make-Up Work
- 18) Exercise
- 19) People who are Stuck Up
- 20) Computer Labs
- 21) Exams
- 22) Body Piercing
- 23) Fire Alarms
- 24) Brushing your Teeth
- 25) Impromptus
- 26) My First Day in High School
- 27) It's the Teacher's Fault
- 28) Role Models
- 29) Princesses
- 30) Love at First Sight
- 31) Books
- 32) Mr. Hall's Classroom
- 33) Bicycles
- 34) Detentions
- 35) Ringtones

Impromptu Topics 5

- 1) How Boys can be Annoying
- 2) How to be Lazy
- 3) Embarrassing Moments
- 4) First Kiss
- 5) Blind Date
- 6) Singing
- 7) Flea Markets
- 8) What You Want to be When You Grow Up
- 9) Rings
- 10) Pet Peeves
- 11) Infomercials
- 12) Student groups
- 13) Gymnastics
- 14) Advice on Life
- 15) The sky at night
- 16) Marriage
- 17) Does Expensive Mean Better?
- 18) Chick Flicks
- 19) Rainy Weather
- 20) Summer School
- 21) Construction
- 22) Students
- 23) Dinosaurs
- 24) The Zoo
- 25) Lettermen Jackets
- 26) Spare Change
- 27) Teen Challenges
- 28) The Person I Always Wanted to Meet
- 29) Announcements
- 30) Peer Pressure
- 31) Newspapers
- 32) Hot Vacation Spots
- 33) Getting your Picture Taken
- 34) Helicopters
- 35) Tennis

Impromptu Topics 6

- 1) Lamps
- 2) Pluto
- 3) Fruitcakes
- 4) Fingernails
- 5) Imagination
- 6) Shakespeare
- 7) The Mail
- 8) Balloons
- 9) Bill Nye the Science Guy
- 10) Canals
- 11) Sky-Writing
- 12) Philosophy of Life
- 13) Chinese Fortune Cookies
- 14) Boats
- 15) Gold Teeth
- 16) Loud
- 17) Bad Breath
- 18) Gum
- 19) Oranges
- 20) Gloves
- 21) The World Cup
- 22) Jokes
- 23) Bugs
- 24) Water
- 25) Snakes
- 26) Fans
- 27) Art
- 28) Mac and Cheese
- 29) Toes
- 30) Plants
- 31) Fishing
- 32) Closets
- 33) Poetry
- 34) Whistles
- 35) Socks