

Extemporaneous Speaking

Description:

This event will require students to talk about a particular topic appropriate to their level. Students will be given a choice of 2 topics from the prescribed list. They may speak extemporaneously for 1-2 minutes (levels 1-2) or 2-3 minutes (levels 3-4) about anything related to this topic. Students can identify what they know about the topic, share their opinions or preferences, describe actions/activities that take place, predict what may happen in the future, or create a dialogue between people along that topic.

This competition aims to measure how freely the student can express themselves in target language. Students will have approximately **ONE minute** to make their choice of topic and prepare what they wish to present. If students are unsure of what the topic means, they may ask the judge a question in English. Judges may prompt the students or ask them questions to facilitate their expression or expand their presentation. Responses to these questions may be used as a tie-breaker, if needed.

Evaluation Criteria:

content (appropriate to topic)

embellishment (range of vocabulary)

structure (appropriate to level)

pronunciation/accuracy

presentation/expression

response to questions by judges