

SUGGESTED SCRIPTS FOR TIMING JUDGE

Timing Judge's instructions to decathlete before prepared speech:

Remember: A prepared speech is “in time” if you speak between 3 ½ and 4 minutes. After you have spoken for three minutes, I will hold up the “1” minute card, (*show the student the card*) meaning you have 1 minute left to speak. After you have spoken for 3 ½ minutes, I will hold up the “30” second card, (*show the student the card*) meaning you have spoken 3 ½ minutes and still have 30 seconds left. After you have spoken 4 minutes, I will hold up the “0” card, (*show the student the card*) meaning time is up. You must stop your presentation immediately.

Timing Judge's instructions to decathlete before impromptu speech:

Remember: An impromptu speech is “in time” if you speak between 1½ and 2 minutes. After you have spoken for one minute, I will hold up the “1” minute card, (*show the student the card*) meaning you have 1 minute left to speak. After you have spoken for 1 ½ minutes, I will hold up the “30” second card, (*show the student the card*) meaning you have spoken 1 ½ minutes and still have 30 seconds left. After you have spoken 2 minutes, I will hold up the “0” card, (*show the student the card*) meaning time is up. You must stop your presentation immediately. (*As soon as student turns over the impromptu card, begin timing of the one-minute prep time. After one minute has elapsed, announce: “Time.”*)