

Sample Head Judge Script

Head Judge: Hi, _____ (*Student Name*), and welcome! Are you able to see and hear me clearly? (*If yes, continue; if no, assist student in troubleshooting audiovisual issues. If they cannot be resolved, contact the Zoom host/Speech Event Coordinator for assistance.*)

Head Judge: Great, I can see and hear you clearly, too. (*If you cannot see or hear student, assist student in troubleshooting the problem.*) My name is _____ . I will be one of your speech judges today, and we also have Judge _____ , Judge _____ , and our timer, _____ , who will provide you with the instructions for your prepared speech. Please pin the timer's video, so you can see them clearly. Do you know how to pin someone on Zoom? (*If yes, give the student a moment to pin the timer. If no, explain the following.*) Hover over the video of the timer and click to bring up the drop-down menu. From this menu, click "Pin." Are you ready for the timing instructions?

(Timer reads script with prepared speech instructions, and then student presents their prepared speech.)

Head Judge: Thank you, _____ (*Student Name*). _____ (*Timer Name*) will now explain the process for your impromptu speech.

(Timer reads script with impromptu speech instructions, and then student has a 1-minute preparation period. Judges should use this 1 minute to score the prepared speech but must listen for when the timer announces that the preparation time is up, so they are ready to listen to the student's impromptu.)

(After 1-minute prep time has elapsed, timer asks student to indicate topic chosen and to begin their impromptu speech.)

Head Judge: Thank you, _____ (*Student Name*). It was a pleasure hearing your speeches today. You are all done. Please exit out of Zoom. Have a wonderful afternoon!