

Timer Script – Prepared speech

You will first present your prepared speech, which must be at least 3½ minutes but no more than 4 minutes long. When 3 minutes have gone by and 1 minute is remaining, I will hold up the GREEN card (*timer holds up card to demonstrate*). When 3 minutes and 30 seconds have gone by and 30 seconds are remaining, I will hold up the YELLOW card (*timer holds up card to demonstrate*). At 4 minutes, I will hold up the RED card (*timer holds up card to demonstrate*). To avoid a timing penalty, you need to reach the yellow card, but not go past the red card. Timing will begin with your first spoken word. You may start when you are ready.

Timer Script – Impromptu speech

Your impromptu speech must be at least 1½ minutes but no more than 2 minutes long. When 1 minute has gone by and 1 minute is remaining, I will hold up the GREEN card (*timer holds up card to demonstrate*). When 90 seconds have gone by and 30 seconds are remaining, I will hold up the YELLOW card (*timer holds up card to demonstrate*). At 2 minutes, I will hold up the RED card (*timer holds up card to demonstrate*). To avoid a timing penalty, you must reach the yellow card, but not go past the red card. Timing begins with your first spoken word.

In a moment, I will share a screen that will show you the three possible topics for your impromptu speech. I will confirm that you can see this screen and once you confirm, I will immediately begin timing for 1 minute. During this 1 minute, you must select one of the topics and prepare your impromptu speech. You may compose and use note cards if you wish, but you are not permitted to use any outside materials such as an online search engine, book, etc.

(Timer screenshares impromptu topics)

Do you see the three possible topics on your screen? (*As soon as student says yes*) Please prepare your impromptu now. (*Timer begins timing for one minute.*)

(After one minute has elapsed) Time is up! Please indicate the topic you selected and begin your speech.