

Game #1

Get a group of people together and ask them each to bring in an object and to wrap it. Get with the group, and without taking your own, pick a wrapped object, unwrap it, and take one minute to organize your thoughts before talking about the object. Before beginning your speech, place the object on a nearby table. Tell a story about the object you chose.

Game #2

Another game that is relevant to this subject is a game like charades. You pick a subject out of a hat, and talk about your subject without saying what it is. See if the crowd can guess your subject.

By playing this game, you can see how much you really know about lots of things by how well you can talk about the variety of subjects in the hat!

Platform Notes

How to use these tips in a real situation.

1. Analyze your situation. What is the likelihood that you might end up speaking at the event you are attending?
2. Don't apologize for being unprepared, because obviously, when it comes to an impromptu moment, you will be unprepared!
3. Take a couple moments to jot down and memorize the main focus points of your topic. This

Instant Speech

*You, Too,
Can Improve
at Impromptu!*



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Impromptu means a spur of the moment speech -- a situation that demands you speak without prior notice.

An *impromptu* speech is not only a speech that you have not prepared, but it may be one that is based on a subject you might not know much about!

THE INSTANT SPEECH GAME

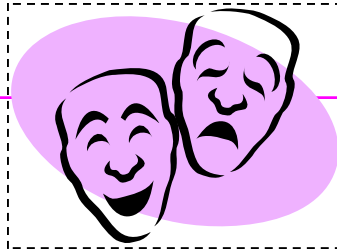
The Instant Speech Game will help you think of some challenging concepts that you might have to talk about in the future.

This game will also help you find ways to become organized quickly, to come up with a developed story about a random topic to practice for an impromptu speech, and to have fun while doing so.

Game Preparation

First, come up with a list of random topics that may be hard to talk about for a long time.

Then write them down on small, separate pieces of paper, and put them into a hat.



Rules of the Game

1. Your speech can only last two to three minutes.
2. If you use the words, "um.." or "like..," you are out until the next round.

Game Play

After you have prepared for this game, take a paper from the hat and begin talking about the topic. You can play this game alone to practice for an impromptu speech, or you can play with a group.

When you are playing in a group, go around in a circle and take turns. Everyone in the group has to pick a subject and make the best speech they can based on that subject.

Use your knowledge of the subject to answer the five W's— who, what, where, when, and why, and the five senses—sight, sound, taste, touch, smell.

Once you have covered those ten questions, give as much descriptive detail about your subject that you can.

Guess what!

Your talk has now evolved into a speech!

