

Impromptu Speech Contest: 2024

Date: Tuesday, December 17th 2.00pm

This is open to all students in the English Department: anyone who wants to try speaking for just 2 minutes, you are very welcome to join the contest!

This is *impromptu*, so students will not be given a lot of preparation time (after they get their topic....possibly 4-5 minutes) to organize their speeches.

The rules are quite simple and have been adapted from national competitions to make things slightly less stressful for our students, most of whom have not been coached in this style of public speaking.

Impromptu Speech Rules:

- 1) Each student will try to speak for approximately **2** minutes.
- 2) There will be three bells. The first will be at **1** minute **30** seconds: the minimum time limit. The second at **2** minutes and the third at **2** minutes **30** seconds: the maximum time limit.
- 3) If students speak less than 1 minute 30 seconds or more than 2 minute 30 seconds (usually if they speak for a few more seconds to finish a sentence it is fine) 1 or 2 points may be deducted from their overall score.
- 4) The students will be called up 2 contestants in advance of giving their speech to receive their speech topic.

Prize money: NT\$2000 for the 1st, NT\$1500 for 2nd and NT\$1000 for

3rd places; even if you don't win, don't worry! You will be given a

certificate of competition attendance.