

Impromptu Speaking

- How would you answer the following interview questions?
 - 1. How many people are using Facebook in San Francisco at 2:30 p.m. on a Friday? *Google; for a Vendor Relations Manager position*

The image shows the Google logo, which consists of the word "Google" in its characteristic multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, green, blue, red) on a white background. The logo is centered within a white rectangular box.

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- How would you answer the following interview questions?
 - 2. How would you get an elephant into a refrigerator? *Horizon Group Properties; for an Office Assistant position*



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- How would you answer the following interview questions?
 - 3. What do you think of garden gnomes? *Trader Joes; for team member position*



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- How would you answer the following interview questions?
 - 4. Room, desk, or chair – which do you clean first?
Pinkberry; for a shift leader position



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- How would you answer the following interview questions?
 - 5. Name five uses for a stapler, without the staples? *EvaluServe (Communication Consultants); for a Business Analyst position*



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- How would you answer the following interview questions?
 - 6. Does life fascinate you? *Ernst & Young; for a Tax Analyst position*






Impromptu Speaking

- Impromptu Speaking is the ability to quickly organize your thoughts and present them in a clear and convincing manner.
- It is done with limited preparation.
- It is the type of speaking we do most often.



Impromptu Speaking

- What are some situations where you might use impromptu speaking?
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Meetings



Relationships



Community Events



Customer Service



Toast



Job Interview



Speed Dating




Miss America


<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lj3iNxZ8Dww>





Impromptu Speaking

- Mark Twain was once asked about the secret to giving a good impromptu speech. His response was that it took him “at least three weeks to prepare for a good one.”
 - Experience & Practice
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How to Prepare an Impromptu Speech



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“If you are walking down the right path, and you are willing to keep walking, eventually, you will make progress.”

- Step 1: Interpret what the quotation means
- Step 2: Take a position (agree/ disagree)
 - Even when obstacles stand in your way, keep moving toward your goals
- Step 3: Support your position with examples
 - History
 - Politics
 - Literature
 - Sports
 - Movies
 - Music
 - Pop Culture
 - Current Events
- Step 4: Introduction



How to Organize an Impromptu Speech



Introduction

- I. Attention Getter (Usually a Story or Example)
- II. Read Quotation
 - State your interpretation
 - What does it mean (agree or disagree)
- III. Preview
 - Give a signposting statement of your three examples
- IV. Transitional Sentence



Body

I. Example One

- Example (Books, Movies, Politics, Current Events, History, Theories, Pop Culture, Sports)
- Transitional sentence

II. Example Two

- Example (Books, Movies, Politics, Current Events, History, Theories, Pop Culture, Sports)
- Transitional sentence

III. Example Three

- Example (Books, Movies, Politics, Current Events, History, Theories, Pop Culture, Sports)



Conclusion

I. Review

- Recap the three examples you discussed in support of your position
- Recap the meaning of the quotation

II. Give speech a sense of finality

- Return to Attention Getter
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- Quotation “If you are walking down the right path, and you are willing to keep walking, eventually, you will make progress.”
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrF87Zo3foQ&feature=relmfu>
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Impromptu Speaking Practice

Quotation: "Just Do it"

- Attention Getter: **Leaning to ride a bike without training wheels**
- Topic (Read Quotation)
 - Read Quotation "Just Do It"
 - State your interpretation (**agree** or disagree)
 - State why you have taken this position
 - **To be successful one must fully commit to their goals.**
- Preview
 - Outline the reasons you will be discussing
 - **Learning from the failures of the past**
 - **Push through obstacles that get in the way**
 - **Set a vision for success**

Body

Defend your interpretation by offering REASONS why your interpretation is valid and then use examples to illustrate those reasons.

- I. Reason: **Learning from the failures of the past**
 - Example (Books, Movies, Politics, Current Events, History, Theories, Pop Culture, Sports)

- II. Reason: **Push through obstacles that get in the way**
 - Example (Books, Movies, Politics, Current Events, History, Theories, Pop Culture, Sports)

- III. Reason: **Set a vision for success**
 - Example (Books, Movies, Politics, Current Events, History, Theories, Pop Culture, Sports)

Conclusion

- Review
 - Recap the three reasons you discussed in support of your position
 - To be successful one must fully commit to their goals and “Just Do It” by learning from the past, pushing through obstacles and setting a vision for success.
- Return back to the Attention Getter
 - Finish story of riding a bike without training wheels

Impromptu Speaking Note Card

- Attention Getter
- Topic (Read Quotation)
- Definition
- Position
- Preview
- Reason
- Example
- Reason
- Example
- Reason
- Example
- Review
- Return to Attention Getter

Example

Quotation:

“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision.”

Theodore Hesburgh

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOpy11EBsSU&feature=related>

Impromptu Speaking Note Card

- **Attention Getter:** Optometrist
- **Topic (Read Quotation)** "The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision."
- **Definition:** Success lies in experience
- **Position:** Leaders need to find an experience and therefore find a vision
- **Preview:** Be Creative, Be Honest, Be Caring
- **Reason:** Be Creative
- **Example:** Teddy Roosevelt used creativity to become a war hero
- **Reason:** Be Honest
- **Example:** Frank Lloyd Wright was honest to the art of architectural design.
- **Reason:** Be Caring
- **Example:** Story of Animal Farm, caring animal was the one with true success
- **Review:** Leaders find experience and therefore find a vision through creativity, honesty, and caring.
- **Return to Attention Getter:** Optometrist