

***JUDGING A  
CONTEST***

***It Really is a  
Big Deal!***

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# JUDGING A SPEECH CONTEST

*Judging is an honor and solemn responsibility.*

*Before you say Yes, consider if you have these required skills*

Critical  
Listening

Are you experienced  
in this area?

English  
Grammar

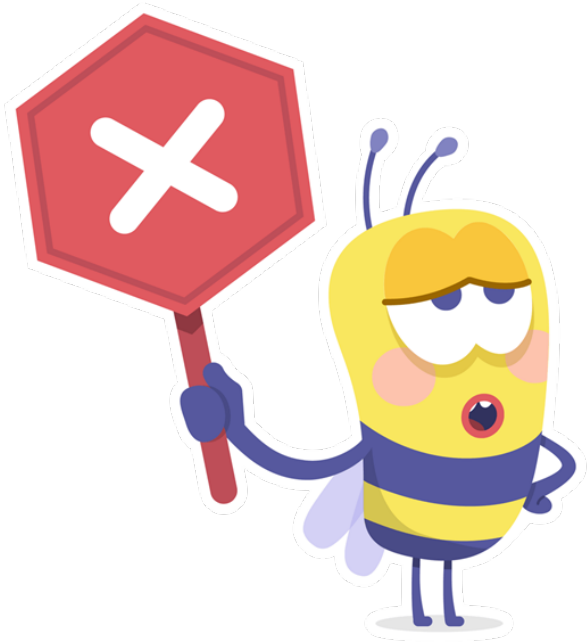
Can you keep up  
with a fast paced,  
creative speech?  
Strong Vocabulary?

Understand  
the Ballot

Do you understand  
the criteria? Can you  
spot what you are  
asked to look for?

# *JUDGING A SPEECH CONTEST*

*Prepare for your Judging Session*



*Do NOT  
Disturb!!*

- *Notifications*
- *Text Msgs*
- *Kids*
- *Dogs*
- *Phone*

Laptop/Desktop probably best device to use

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*If you say Yes, Commit to ALWAYS*

Read  
Criteria

Read the Judges  
Ballot Criteria  
every time

Pay  
Attention

Full attention to  
every speaker –  
every minute  
1 Shot a year!

Take  
Notes

Don't trust  
Memory! Props,  
Title, word-play,  
R/3, movement

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*Since you said Yes*

Resist Bias

Be fair!  
Agree/Disagree  
doesn't matter

Rate Each  
Speaker

Score according  
to weighted  
categories

Clear Mind

Start fresh for  
each speaker

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*In order to reach a conclusion*

Compare  
Group

Using Criteria –  
Pick 3 Top  
Performances

Need More  
Time?

Accuracy vs Speed  
Take time to get it  
right!

Pick  
Winners

Who *excelled* in  
Content, Delivery,  
Language?

# *JUDGING A SPEECH CONTEST*

## *What about a Protest?*

Who Can  
Protest?

Any Contestant  
or a Voting Judge  
(Not Tie-Breaker)

What  
Happens?

Listen to the  
Protest/Defense  
carefully

Vote on  
the Matter

Majority of Voting  
Judges must  
agree

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*What else do you need to know?*

Judges are  
Unique

Outcomes are  
subjective

Code of  
Ethics

Do not discuss!  
No evaluation or  
feedback!

Thank  
You!

You are much  
appreciated for  
taking this  
seriously!