



Grammarian

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Grammarian is truly an exercise in expansion of listening skills. Grammarian comments:

- _ on the correct use of the English language during the course of the meeting, and then provide constructive feedback. *All* speakers are subject to the rules of English (never mention a specific speaker),
- _ on any good usage of the English language,
- _ how many times the word-of-the-day was mentioned at the meeting.

COMPETENT LEADERSHIP (CL) MANUAL

This role also counts towards several projects. Please bring the manual and find an evaluator so to receive credit towards the certification.

PREPARATION

Prepare a brief explanation of the duties of the grammarian for the benefit of the audience when the Toastmaster introduces you. The script is provided at bottom of this guide. Prepare a pencil, piece of paper, and jot some preliminary comments about each speaker.

PROCEDURE

Listen to each speaker (note speaker here does not only refer to a prepared speaker but *all* speakers) English word usage. Write down any awkward uses or misuses of the language (incomplete sentences, sentences that change direction in midstream, incorrect grammar, malapropisms, and so on).

When called upon by the general evaluator during the evaluation segment, stand by your chair and give the report in a concise and organized manner. Offer the correct usage in each instance where there was misuse instead of only explaining the errant. Do not refer to any specific speaker. Do remember to report on creative language where appropriate and instances of the word-of-the-day.

Time limit is two minutes

SCRIPT

Good evening Toastmasters I will be listening for inappropriate usage of English grammar and also make comments on good uses of grammar and memorable phrases. In addition I will check if we made use of tonight's word-of-the-day. I will then give me report later during the evaluation session. Now I give my control back to the Toastmaster.