



Toastmasters Learning Connection

Session Overview:

This session focuses on the judge's role including obstacles to objectivity.

Directions:

Print a copy of this worksheet. As you view the session, choose the correct responses.

Fill in the blanks.

1. The purpose of a judge is _____.
2. Circle the responsibility of a judge:
 - a. Appraise speeches
 - b. Measure speakers' presentations against their purpose
 - c. Offer advice for improvement
 - d. Select the speaker who gave the best speech
3. A judge's decisions are _____.
4. True or false: Good judges don't let anything, except their disapproval of the speech topic, get in the way of making an impartial decision.
5. Because good judges are _____, they fill out judging forms correctly and add points carefully.
6. Because contestants, contest officials, the audience and Toastmasters International have entrusted the judges with selecting the best speaker, judges must be _____.
7. Good judges know the current _____.
8. Good judges don't _____ or allow themselves to become _____.



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9. Research shows that people tend to best remember the _____ and _____ items in a list.
10. Which of the following thoughts is an example of the Halo Effect phenomenon?
- a. *Betty won last year; I'll help Bill get ahead this year.*
 - b. *Bob has a dynamic delivery; therefore, his content is really good.*
 - c. *Bruno's speech is very interesting; so I'm going to give him a high score for content.*
 - d. *Beatrice was the first speaker; therefore, I won't give her a high score.*
11. The _____ _____ is attributing an unfavorable trait to someone only because of another unfavorable trait that person possesses. For example, Sandra has questionable grammar; therefore her speech is weak.

Circle T if the statement is true, F if it is false.

- T F** Good judges give a break to anyone who has a handicap or who has overcome hardship.
- T F** It is the mark of a good judge to take into consideration previous performances of the same speech when choosing speech contest winners.
- T F** It is the mark of a good judge to consider a speaker's previous speeches when choosing speech contest winners.
- T F** It is the mark of a good judge to consider social and cultural behaviors when choosing speech contest winners.
- T F** Speech contest speeches must be humorous.
- T F** Speech contest speeches can be motivational.
- T F** There are no restrictions regarding props, visual aids, or music.
- T F** A contestant may be disqualified from a speech contest for not being in good standing.

