

# GRAMMARIAN (30 SEC - 1 min)

## PURPOSE

The **Grammarians** reminds us of the small slips in our speech. The grammarian helps us to spot anomalies in our speech and eliminate them. The Grammarian is also present to help cure the annoying habit of vocalized pauses, using ah, uh, mmm and others. Finally the word of the week is offered as an opportunity to expand the membership's vocabulary and is also a fun way to encourage the membership to use the word of the week throughout the meeting.

*Therefore, it should be tied into the theme, not be obscure, yet not be too common either. When someone at the meeting uses the word of the week, the club will acknowledge its use by taps on the table.*

## AT THE MEETING

Pay attention to all participants to aid you in our report at the end of the night. Explain that you will record the use of "ah" and other crutch words used by the members. They are listed on the **Grammarians** report sheet. Give the word of the week, spell it, define it and use it in a sentence. Explain how many times you would like to hear the word used. Explain that when it is used everyone will tap on the table several times.

Pay attention to:

- 1) Misuses of words
- 2) Incorrect pronunciation

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**Write it in large enough letters (it is preferable to print it out from a computer) that the word can be visible from the back of the room.**

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## BEFORE THE MEETING

Prepare a small language topic, which can be used to advise the members, what you will be looking for during the meeting for your report. Prepare a suitable word, which preferably ties into the meeting theme. Have the meaning, and a sample sentence ready to present to the club. Write it in large enough letters (it is preferable to print it out from a computer) that the word can be visible from the back of the room. Have 4 copies so it can be displayed at the front, back and sides of the room (tape to front of tables) Locate the **Grammarians** binder and prepare a blank sheet for the meeting.

- 3) Sentence structure and
- 4) excellent use of language
- 5) How many times the word of the week is used

Listen to all participants of the meeting and log weak and strong uses of grammar. Record the uses of "ah" and other crutch words used by the members. When called upon by the General evaluator, give a brief report dealing the number of times each crutch word is used. Give the amount of times word of the day was used.