

## Role Description: Grammarian

## Taking on this role improves vocabulary, grammar, critical listening skills and evaluation skills

The Grammarian plays an important role in helping all club members improve their grammar and vocabulary.

Your duties as Grammarian:

## Before the meeting:

• Find a <u>"Word of the Day"</u> to be used during the meeting. Prepare a display/print-out of the word, its part of speech, and a brief definition with one or two sentences showcasing how the word is used. The <u>"Word of the Day"</u> helps meeting participants increase their vocabulary.

## During the meeting:

- Introduce the "Word of the Day":
  - Display the word clearly for all members and speakers and explain its usage
  - Note who uses this word or any derivatives thereof correctly or incorrectly during the meeting.
- Write down the language and grammar usage of all speakers, noting grammatical mistakes, incomplete sentences, mispronunciation, non-sequiturs, malapropisms, etc.
  Example: "One in five children wear glasses" should be "one in five children wears glasses."
- At the end of the meeting, give your complete report when called upon:
  - Report the count of proper and improper uses of the "Word of the Day".
  - Report diligently on the use of grammar. Be very clear on what was the incorrect usage and what would be the grammatically correct way to say it.
- Shake hands with the Toastmaster of the Evening when entering and leaving the stage.

You can find more information about the Grammarian role on the Toastmasters website.