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IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (SR)

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TWO QUOTATIONS.



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ROUND 1 SECTION 10

“WHEN THINGS ARE REALLY BAD, THE ONLY
THING TO DO IS LAUGH.”

- JIM CARREY

OR

“FEAR IS GOING TO BE A PLAYER IN YOUR LIFE,
BUT YOU GET TO DECIDE HOW MUCH.”

- JIM CARREY

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ROUND 2 SECTION 10

“IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH, YOU DON’T HAVE TO REMEMBER
ANYTHING.”

- MARK TWAIN

OR

“WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I COULD REMEMBER ANYTHING,
WHETHER IT HAD HAPPENED OR NOT.”

- MARK TWAIN

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““Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that, who cares? He's a mile away and you've got his shoes!”

BILLY CONNOLLY

OR

““To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.”

STEVEN WRIGHT

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SECTION 1

“GREAT IDEAS NEED LANDING GEAR AS WELL AS
WINGS.”

- C. D. JACKSON

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“BOREDOM AND DULLNESS ARE DISEASES.”

- FREDDIE MERCURY

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“THE TROUBLE WITH MOST OF US IS THAT WE WOULD
RATHER BE RUINED BY PRAISE THAN SAVED BY CRITICISM.”

- NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

OR

“WHATEVER OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF ME IS NONE OF MY
BUSINESS.”

- RUPAUL CHARLES

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SECTION 3

“YOU CANNOT FIND PEACE BY AVOIDING LIFE.”

VIRGINIA WOOLF

OR

**“I’D RATHER BE A FAILURE AT SOMETHING I LOVE
THAN A SUCCESS AT SOMETHING I HATE.”**

GEORGE BURNS

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**“COURAGE IS BEING SCARED TO DEATH AND
SADDLING UP ANYWAY.” - JOHN WAYNE**

OR

**“IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO RISK THE
UNUSUAL, YOU WILL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR THE
ORDINARY.” - JIM ROHN**

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ROUND 1 SECTION 5

**“WHEN YOU UNDERVALUE WHAT YOU DO, THE
WORLD WILL UNDERVALUE WHO YOU ARE.”**

OPRAH WINFREY

OR

“ALL ART IS QUITE USELESS.”

OSCAR WILDE

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ROUND 1 SECTION 6

“NOBODY SAID IT WOULD BE EASY. THEY JUST
PROMISED IT WOULD BE WORTH IT.”

- DR. SEUSS

OR

“IT WAS HER HABIT TO BUILD WORTH OUT OF
INADEQUATE MATERIALS.”

- JOHN STEINBECK

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ROUND 1 SECTION 7

“THE BEST WAY TO GET STARTED IS TO QUIT
TALKING AND BEGIN DOING.” ~ WALT DISNEY

OR

“WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO.
EXCELLENCE, THEN, IS NOT AN ACT, BUT A
HABIT.” ~ ARISTOTLE

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ROUND 1 SECTION 8

“Anybody in the spotlight can get lost in that if
they are not careful.”

Lisa Marie Presley

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“Kites rise highest against the wind - not with
it.”

Winston Churchill

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ROUND 1 SECTION 9

“The great business of life is to be, to do, to do
without and to depart.”

John Morley

OR

“Life is too short for long-term grudges.”

Elon Musk

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ROUND 2 SECTION 1

“ENJOY GOOD MEMORIES. BUT DON’T SPEND
YOUR REMAINING DAYS HERE LOOKING BACK,
WISHING FOR “THE GOOD OLD DAYS.”

~ RANDY ALCORN

OR

“NEVER LET YOUR MEMORIES BE GREATER THAN
YOUR DREAMS.” ~ DOUGLAS IVESTER

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ROUND 2 SECTION 2

**“MEMORIES ARE LIKE SALT: THE RIGHT AMOUNT
BRINGS OUT THE FLAVOR IN FOOD, TOO MUCH
RUINS IT.” ~ PAULO COELHO**

OR

**“NOTHING IS EVER REALLY LOST TO US AS LONG
AS WE REMEMBER IT.” ~ L.M. MONTGOMERY**

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ROUND 2 SECTION 3

**“YOUR MEMORY IS THE GLUE THAT BINDS YOUR
LIFE TOGETHER.”**

~ KEVIN HORSLEY

OR

“VISIT YOUR SOUL, NOT YOUR PAST.”

~ PAULO COELHO

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ROUND 2 SECTION 4

“DON’T CRY BECAUSE IT’S OVER; SMILE BECAUSE
IT HAPPENED.”

~ DR. SEUSS

OR

“SO LONG AS THE MEMORY OF CERTAIN BELOVED
FRIENDS LIVES IN MY HEART, I SHALL SAY THAT
LIFE IS GOOD.” ~ HELEN KELLER

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ROUND 2 SECTION 5

**“A MEMORY WITHOUT THE EMOTIONAL CHARGE
IS CALLED WISDOM.” ~ JOE DISPENZA**

OR

**“THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DISCOVERY TRUE FRIENDS
MAKE IS THAT THEY CAN GROW SEPARATELY
WITHOUT GROWING APART.” ~ ELISABETH FOLEY**

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ROUND 2 SECTION 6

**“A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS USUALLY THE SIGN OF
A BAD MEMORY.” ~ STEVEN WRIGHT**

OR

**“THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN
THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN
TOUCHED – THEY MUST BE FELT WITH THE
HEART.” ~ HELEN KELLER**

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**“EVERY MAN’S MEMORY IS HIS PRIVATE
LITERATURE.”~ ALDOUS HUXLEY**

OR

**“WHENEVER I THINK OF THE PAST, IT BRINGS
BACK SO MANY MEMORIES.” ~ STEVEN WRIGHT**

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“NOTHING FIXES A THING SO INTENSELY IN THE
MEMORY AS THE WISH TO FORGET IT.” ~
MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE

OR

“WE DIDN’T REALISE WE WERE MAKING
MEMORIES; WE JUST KNEW WE WERE HAVING
FUN.” ~ WINNIE THE POOH

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**“MEMORIES ARE JUST STORIES WE TELL
OURSELVES ABOUT OUR PAST.” ~ JOHN SLATTERY**

OR

**“MEMORY IS NEVER A PRECISE DUPLICATE OF
THE ORIGINAL... IT IS A CONTINUING ACT OF
CREATION.” ~ ROSALIND CARTWRIGHT**

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ROUND 3 SECTION 1

“CLEAN YOUR HOME FIRST BEFORE
COMPLAINING ABOUT OTHERS.”

— DEBASISH MRIDHA

OR

“NEVER JUDGE ANOTHER KNIGHT WITHOUT FIRST
KNOWING THE STRENGTH AND CUNNING OF THE
DRAGONS HE FIGHTS.”

— RICHELLE E. GOODRICH

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ROUND 3 SECTION 2

“PUT YOUR JUDGMENT ASIDE AND HAVE SOME
ICE CREAM.”

— ABHIJIT NASKAR

OR

“THE COLOUR OR INTENSITY OF A SMOKE
DOESN'T DETERMINE THE TYPE OF FIRE THAT
FORMS THE SMOKE.”

— AGBOR JENET

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ROUND 3 SECTION 3

“NEVER JUDGE A HEART BY ITS SCARS.”

— JOHN MARK GREEN

OR

“YOU CAN'T FORCE CREATIVES INTO A BOX. IF
YOU TRY, THEY'LL NO LONGER BE CREATIVE. AND
NO ONE WILL WANT YOUR BOX.”

— RYAN LILLY

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ROUND 3 SECTION 4

“JUDGE YOURSELF AND YOU WILL STOP JUDGING
OTHERS.”

— THE NUN MAGDALINA

OR

“YOU MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO WALK A MILE IN
A MAN’S SHOES, BUT AT LEAST YOU CAN GIVE
IT A TRY.”

— FRANK SONNENBERG

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ROUND 3

SECTION 5

NEVER JUDGE AN EAGLE BY THE OPINION OF
TURKEYS.”

— MATSHONA DHLIWAYO

OR

“DO NOT JUDGE. ASSESS.”

— NAIDE P OBIANG

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**“PEOPLE WHO JUDGE OTHERS TELL MORE ABOUT
WHO THEY ARE THAN WHO THEY JUDGE.”**

- DONALD L. HICKS

OR

**“PEOPLE DON'T JUDGE YOU BY YOUR BELIEFS,
THEY JUDGE YOU BY YOUR BEHAVIOR.”**

— AMIT KALANTRI

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WHY IS THE EYE CONSIDERED A RELIABLE JUDGE
WHEN IT KNOWS NOTHING OF LOVE OR
INTELLIGENCE?"

— RICHELLE E. GOODRICH

OR

“IN COMPARING AND JUDGING, THE FOOLS
INSIDE US HAVE THEIR SAY.”

— RAJESH

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ROUND 3 SECTION 8

“JUDGE PEOPLE NOT BY WHAT THEY ARE, BUT BY
WHAT THEY STRIVE TO BECOME.”

— FYODOR DOSTOYEVSKY

OR

“I THINK EVERYONE NEEDS TO TAKE A LONG
LOOK IN THE MIRROR BEFORE THEY GO MAKING
AN ISSUE ABOUT SOMEONE'S ELSE LIFE.”

— BRIGID KEMMERER

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“JUDGING OTHERS IS EASY BECAUSE IT DISTRACTS
US FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF JUDGING
OURSELVES.”

— CHARLES F. GLASSMAN

OR

“IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE RIGHT ALL THE TIME, YOU
WILL FEEL LONESOME AFTER SOME TIME.”

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QUARTERFINALS SECTION 1

**“THE MOST PRECIOUS THINGS IN SPEECH ARE THE
PAUSES.” – SIR RALPH RICHARDSON**

OR

**“NO ONE EVER COMPLAINS ABOUT A SPEECH
BEING TOO SHORT!” – IRA HAYES**

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QUARTERFINALS SECTION 2

**“IT TAKES ONE HOUR OF PREPARATION FOR EACH
MINUTE OF PRESENTATION TIME.”**

– WAYNE BURGRAFF

OR

**“90% OF HOW WELL THE TALK WILL GO IS
DETERMINED BEFORE THE SPEAKER STEPS ON THE
PLATFORM.” – SOMERS WHITE**

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QUARTERFINALS SECTION 3

**“THERE ARE ONLY TWO TYPES OF SPEAKERS IN
THE WORLD. 1. THE NERVOUS AND 2. LIARS.”**

– MARK TWAIN

OR

**“BEST WAY TO CONQUER STAGE FRIGHT IS TO
KNOW WHAT YOU’RE TALKING ABOUT.” –
MICHAEL H MESCON**

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QUARTERFINALS SECTION 4

**“ORATORY IS THE POWER TO TALK PEOPLE OUT
OF THEIR SOBER AND NATURAL OPINIONS.” –
JOSEPH CHATFIELD**

OR

**“IT USUALLY TAKES ME MORE THAN THREE
WEEKS TO PREPARE A GOOD IMPROMPTU
SPEECH.” – MARK TWAIN**

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SEMIFINALS SECTION 1

“EVERYBODY HAS A HEART. EXCEPT SOME
PEOPLE.”

BETTE DAVIS, AMERICAN ACTOR

OR

“IF YOU ARE NOT A LIBERAL WHEN YOU ARE
YOUNG, YOU HAVE NO HEART, AND IF YOU ARE
NOT A CONSERVATIVE WHEN OLD, YOU HAVE NO
BRAIN.”

JOSEPH S ALPERT, AMERICAN PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR

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SEMIFINALS SECTION 2

“WE GET UP IN THE MORNING. WE DO OUR BEST.
NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.”

--JUDI DENCH, BRITISH ACTOR

OR

“I LOVE ARGUMENT, I LOVE DEBATE. I DON'T
EXPECT ANYONE JUST TO SIT THERE AND AGREE
WITH ME, THAT'S NOT THEIR JOB.”

MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM