

CONTEST MASTER SCRIPT FOR INTERVIEWING CONTESTANTS

Contest Master:

"Thank you to all our contestants for their inspiring speeches. While the Chief Judge and ballot counters adjourn to tally the results, we can learn more about the talented speakers who shared their stories with us today.

I'll now invite each contestant back to the stage for a brief interview. This is a chance for us to get to know them better and hear about their journey to this contest."

Instructions for Contestant Interviews

Contest Master:

"When I call your name, please come forward and join me at the lectern. I'll ask you a few questions, and then you'll have the opportunity to share anything else you'd like the audience to know."

Select from the Sample Interview Questions Below

Questions About Toastmasters

1. "What's the most important lesson you've learned in Toastmasters?"
 2. "Is there a mentor or fellow member who's been particularly helpful to you in your journey?"
 3. "What's your favorite Toastmasters meeting role and why?"
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Questions About Public Speaking

4. "Who is a speaker or storyteller you admire, and why?"
 5. "What advice would you give someone just starting their public speaking journey?"
 6. "Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your public speaking journey?"
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Personal and Fun Questions

7. "What's a fun fact about you that most people don't know?"
8. "What's the best advice you've ever received?"
9. "How do you celebrate after completing a big speech or contest like this?"
10. "Do you practice in front of a mirror, your family, or your pet?"

11. "What's your favorite time of day to work on speeches—morning, afternoon, or night?"
 12. "Who was the first person you told when you decided to enter this contest?"
 13. "What's the best snack to have while practicing a speech?"
 14. "If you weren't here today, what would you be doing?"
 15. "What's the best snack to have while practicing a speech?"
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Conducting the Interviews

Contest Master:

"Let's begin! Our first contestant is [Contestant Name]. Please come forward."

(Interview the contestants in the same order they spoke earlier, tailoring follow-up questions as appropriate based on the contestants' answers.)

Contest Master (after each interview):

"Thank you, [Contestant Name], for sharing more about your journey. Let's give [Contestant Name] another round of applause!"

Transition After Interviews

Contest Master:

"Thank you to our contestants for participating in these interviews and sharing your inspiring speeches today.

We will have the results shortly, so please stay with us as we prepare to celebrate our winners!"

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