

Getting Started in the Roles

ELDER GATE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Most members join Toastmasters to improve their speaking and/or their leadership capabilities. The best way to do this is to attend as many meetings as possible, and take an active role in every meeting. There are 4 minor speaking roles and 12 major speaking roles, and up to 6 Topics speakers at each meeting, so at most meetings everyone should have a chance to speak if they wish. All members should take on all of the roles at least once per year, and if you attend all the meetings, you could expect to do a speech or an evaluation every month.

Below is a possible order to take on the roles. It is important to do something at your first meeting and to do your icebreaker speech in your first 2 or 3 meetings, so speak to the VPE and get on the schedule. You will present more speeches if you always have one ready for the next meeting, and volunteer to be a reserve speaker. 4-6 speeches is the average for a year, but 10 is possible.

Role

Date

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

Ice Breaker Speech

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

Second Speech

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

1st Evaluation

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

Topics Master

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

3rd Speech

2nd Evaluation

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

Meeting Secretary

4th Speech

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

3rd Evaluation

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

Topics Evaluator

5th Speech

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

4th Evaluation

Toastmaster

Grammarians/Grunt Counter/ Time keeper and/or Topics Speaker

5th Evaluation

General Evaluator

By now, you should be thinking of participating in Club competitions, and taking on a leadership role on the committee.

You could also stand in as Sergeant at Arms after you have been to 8 meetings.

There are role definitions for all the above (except Speaker) see the VPE or download from the web site. <http://www.mktoastmasters.org.uk/>