

# GRAMMARIAN: Celebrating Language

Speaking and writing are critically intertwined with language, and inventive and expressive use of language is key to clear communication.

The role of Grammarian highlights the importance of language in communication, by informing our vocabulary and reflecting on powerful and interesting words and phrases.

Here's how to listen, learn and celebrate language as the Grammarian for our meeting.

## The Key Elements of Being Grammarian:

- Being prepared in advance, and bringing printouts of the Word Of The Day.
- Explaining the Word Of The Day, with synonyms and examples.
- Giving a recount of interesting and exciting uses of language, vocabulary and phrasing from the meeting's speakers.
- Reporting on who used the Word Of The Day, how many times, and who used it most.

## How To Prepare as Grammarian:

- Choose a "Word Of The Day" in advance – print off 4 (four) A4 sheets with your word in large size font. Optionally a part of speech indicator (eg. "*verb*", "*adjective*", "*noun*", etc) and short definition can accompany your word on these print-outs.
- Arrive early to the venue and pin up your print-outs for best visibility (eg. with Blu-Tack)
- Prepare a short (30-60 seconds) speech about your word, its definition, synonyms, and examples of use.

## How To Perform as Grammarian:

- When called upon by the Toastmaster of the meeting, explain to the audience that the Grammarian's role is to declare a Word Of The

Day, as well as to report on interesting and exciting uses of words and phrases.

- Announce your Word Of The Day and recite your prepared speech (definition, examples, etc).
- During the meeting, make note of who used the Word Of The Day, and how many times each.
- During the meeting also, try to note down roughly one word or phrase per speaker which you thought was exceptional, powerful, thought-provoking or full of imagery.
- At the end of the meeting, the Toastmaster will call upon you to report on how many times each person used the Word Of The Day, who used it most, as well as all of your interesting grammar which you have noted.

**That's it!**

**Have fun, get involved, and thanks for helping us run the meeting!**