

## UTAH LANGUAGE OLYMPICS (Year 2000 Proposal)

Events: 1) Gisting, 2) Impromptu, 3) Power Word

Participants: Up to 3 two-person teams from each of 3 high schools (maximum of 9 teams per language), in three different languages (Spanish, French, German).

Time: Friday, starts at 8:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm

Awards: First, second, and third place teams in each event get gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively. Each competitor gets a memento for participation.

**Gisting** - consists of two parts, i.e., reading and listening. One team member will do the listening portion and one team member will do the reading portion. For the reading portion, the team member will be given three texts in the target language to read. Competitors can make notes on one sheet of paper. After a pre-determined period of time, the competitors turn in their texts and are given a list of 15 questions in English to answer (5 questions on each text). For the listening portion, the team member will hear five cuts in the target language on a tape. Competitors can make notes on one sheet of paper. After the tape is finished playing, the competitors are given a list of 15 questions in English to answer (3 questions on each text). For each set of questions, points are awarded as follows: 4 points for each correct answer, minus 2 points for each incorrect answer, and zero points for each unanswered question. Individual scores are combined for a total team score.

**Impromptu** - all nine teams compete against each other in the first round. The top three teams advance to a final round. For the first round, each team will draw a card with a topic on it. One member of the team will have two minutes to compose an impromptu speech. The competitor can make notes on a 3x5 index card. When the two minutes are up, the competitor will begin presenting the speech in the target language (which will be no shorter than one minute and no longer than two minutes) and the partner will translate the speech into English, using the consecutive interpretation method. Three judges listen to all nine speeches and rank the teams using a scorecard from one (best) to nine (worst). The three judges scores are combined and the top three teams move into the final round. The final round is conducted in the same way as the preliminary round with the exception that the team members must switch roles, i.e., the competitor who spoke the target language first must speak English in the finals and vice versa.

**Power Word** - For each team there are two rounds of play. During the first round, one team member gives clues and one guesses. Roles reverse during the second round such that each competitor gives and receives clues once. For each round, teams use a packet of 5 cards, each card containing the word to be guessed (the power word) plus four other words (the forbidden words) which may not be used by the clue giver. All words are in the target language. All clues and guesses must be given in the target language. Each round has a two minute time limit. Points are awarded based on the number of power words correctly guessed during each round.

### Schedule of Events

Time	Spanish	French	German
0830 - 0900	Opening Ceremony, Guest Speaker, Admin Announcements, Questions and Answers		
0900 - 1000	Impromptu Preliminary	Gisting	Power Word
1000 - 1100	Gisting	Power Word	Impromptu Preliminary
1100 - 1200	Lunch		
1200 - 1300	Power Word	Impromptu Preliminary	Gisting
1300 - 1400	Impromptu Final	Impromptu Final	Impromptu Final
1400 - 1430	Awards & Closing Ceremonies		