

Grammarian Role – Some Guidelines.

One purpose of Toastmasters is to help members to improve their grammar and use of words. This is done with the help of the Grammarian.

The role of the Grammarian is to:

- Introduce a new word and report back on its use. Before the meeting, the grammarian should find a new word of their choice, and make a printed copy in large letters for use in the meeting. A few copies posted in places where speakers and the audience can see is helpful. During the meeting the grammarian will announce the word, explain its meaning and give an example of its use in a sentence. The sergeant will then display the printed copy(s) of the word in a noticeable place in the meeting room to encourage its use. The Grammarian will note how many times the word is used and by whom and verbally report back on this during the grammarians report back time.
- Count and report back on the use of filler words. Filler words are words such as um, er, so, you know. Different speakers may have new filler words. Basically a filler word is a word that a speaker uses excessively to fill in spaces instead of breathing in and allowing silent pauses whilst thinking what to say next. Filler words are also known as 'verbal crutches'. The grammarian starts counting as soon as the meeting begins.
- Note good and bad use of English and report back on this.

The Grammarian role gets evaluated in the CL Manual. Remember to bring your CL Manual and to give it to the VPE to be evaluated.

Note that this role differs from club to club. This is how we do it at our club and you are always free to do the role however you interpret it. This document is merely a guideline for new members.