



Grammarian

Celebrate strong language and help the club sharpen word choice.

Purpose

The Grammarian helps members become more aware of language. The role is not only about grammar mistakes. It is also about noticing vivid phrases, strong word choice, clear structure, and effective expression.

Before the meeting

- Choose a Word of the Day, ideally linked to the meeting theme.
- Pick a word that is useful, pronounceable, and easy to include naturally.
- Prepare the part of speech, definition, and example sentence.
- Display the word clearly in the room and online if possible.
- Prepare a 30 second role explanation.

Opening explanation

Good evening. As Grammarian, I will introduce the Word of the Day and listen for effective language, memorable phrases, and grammar or word choices that can be improved. At the end of the meeting I will report on how the club used language tonight.

Word of the Day format

- Word:
- Pronunciation:
- Part of speech:
- Meaning:
- Example sentence:
- Theme connection:

During the meeting

Listen for:

- Correct and natural use of the Word of the Day.
- Strong phrases, images, metaphors, and memorable wording.
- Clear sentence structure.
- Mispronunciations or awkward phrases worth correcting.
- Repeated words that weaken impact.
- Language habits that could be improved.

Report structure

- Repeat the Word of the Day and its meaning.
- Name members who used it well.



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Meeting Role Guide

- Highlight strong phrases from the meeting.
- Offer one or two useful language corrections.
- End with a practical language tip.

Avoid

- Turning the report into a grammar lesson.
- Embarrassing speakers.
- Listing too many errors.
- Choosing a word so obscure that nobody can use it.

Ballito standard

Celebrate excellent language as much as you correct weak language. A good Grammarian report helps speakers want to use better words next time.

Source basis

- Toastmasters International Grammarian role: <https://www.toastmasters.org/membership/club-meeting-roles/grammarian>
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- Ballito Toastmasters local Grammarian notes.