

IMPROMPTU TOPICS

On camera, students should read the instructions here and quickly select one topic. Timing is 2 minutes or less of prep followed by up to 3 minutes of performance time.

A rant is a forceful, passionate, and often informal monologue that expresses strong opinions about a subject. It is not just complaining—an effective rant is purpose-driven, well-articulated, and emotionally resonant. The key is to channel your feelings into a coherent argument that grips your audience and compels them to care about your perspective.

1. The eternal struggle of finding gloves that actually keep your fingers warm without turning them into useless claw-hands.
2. Why is it that shoveling snow always feels like the universe's gym membership you never signed up for?
3. The betrayal of stepping in a puddle that looked like slush but is actually a portal to the icy abyss.
4. How does holiday cheer immediately evaporate when you're stuck in traffic behind a salt truck?
5. Why do winter jackets make you feel like a warm marshmallow, but you still freeze as soon as the wind hits?
6. The mysterious phenomenon of one sock always going missing in the dryer right when you need all your wool ones.
7. Why is every parking spot covered in a mountain of plowed snow exactly when you're running late?
8. The awkwardness of pretending you're not cold in front of someone who insisted it's "not that bad out."
9. Why does everyone suddenly think they're a meteorologist after one snowstorm?
10. The unspoken rule that every dog walk in winter involves slipping on ice while pretending everything is fine.
11. Why do scarves look chic on Instagram but turn into a neck-strangling disaster in real life?
12. The struggle of navigating the grocery store apocalypse before every winter storm as if society might end.
13. The cruel joke of having your car heater only start working *after* you've reached your destination.
14. How is it that no matter what, someone in your neighborhood uses a snowblower or lawnmower at 6 a.m. like it's a battle cry?