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Template for Opening speech for Proposition

* = obligatory, the rest is optional

Timing: 7 minutes plus 30 sec grace

Guide: 100 words ≈ 1 minute

* **Toastmaster introduction:** [address the chairman plus the people in the “room”, for example: Thank you Mr / Madame debate chair, fellow debaters, Toastmasters and most welcome guests, good evening]

General introduction: [Put people in the picture with short paragraph]

Tonight we are debating the motion: _____

* **Definitions:**

Key terms (dictionary def.):

* **Proposition’s understanding of the motion (what we are proposing):**

Gatekeeping point: [i.e. what the Opposition will have to demonstrate in order to defeat the motion]

* **Introduce the premises:**

PREMISE

Warrant/s:

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Make sure to explain why the premise or premises are RELEVANT for why the audience should support the motion.

***Speech 1 conclusion:**

[Useful to repeat the definition of the motion, and remind the audience of the gatekeeping point, before finishing on a slogan]