

## Grammarians Role

### Pre-meeting

- Select the word of the day via EasySpeak
- Look up meaning and context. Find example sentences.
- Print or write down the word of the day, making sure it is large enough to read.
- Things to bring: bluetac/selotape/something to attach word of the day print out, pen, notepaper/record cards.

### During the meeting

- When you first arrive, stick copies of the word of the day in a few locations. Ideal places are on a lecturn, and the timers desk. Make sure it is visible to all.
- Grammarian introduction (1 minute). Explain role, introduce word of the day and examples of use.
- Grammarian's report at the end (1 – 3 minutes)

### Things to listen out for

- **Filler words** such as: um, err, ahh, so
- **Metaphors**: Comparing two different things by speaking of one in terms of the other. E.g. "That club is spreading like wildfire. Public speaking was my Mount Everest".
- **Anaphora**: Repetition of a word or words across two or more successive phrases, e.g. "There is a time for thinking. There is a time for speaking. And there is a time for action."
- **Alliteration**: Using words starting with the same letter or sound together in a group, e.g. "*Totally tropical taste*". "*Big beautiful berries*"
- **Simile**: Saying one thing is like something else, e.g. "*I was like a kid in a sweet shop*". "*The soul in the body is like a bird in a cage.*"
- **Hyperbole** (hy-per-bo-lee): Deliberate exaggeration for emphasis or humorous effect, e.g. "*There must have been a million people in front of me in the queue*". "*There are a thousand reasons why more research is needed on solar energy.*"
- **Cliches**: a tired, stale phrase that, because of overuse, has lost its impact. "*The grass is always greener on the other side*". "*Better safe than sorry*".
- **Run-on Sentences**. A sentence joined together with conjunctions instead of pausing briefly after each sentence. Conjunctions are connecting words, such as "*and,*" "*so,*" "*but,*" and "*because*".
- **Word Crutches**. Word crutches can fill the gap between one thought and the next. "*You know*" and "*Actually*" are common word crutches.