

## Script for "Ah" Counter

[Stand up]

Thank you, Mister/Madam Toastmaster, Fellow Toastmasters, and welcome Guests!

My duty as the "Ah" Counter is to listen carefully for verbal distractions, such as "um," "ah", "you-know," "and-so," "but," and other filler words or sounds. I will also keep track of the repeated words, like "the, the," and, "I, I." Lastly, I keep track of long pauses, when they are distracting.

When I hear these crutch words, I will use the horn to notify the speaker (honk the horn as an example). However, I will not honk the horn during the prepared speeches unless I am requested to do so by the speaker. I will keep track of the number of these speaking errors in writing for each person that speaks and give a report when called upon at the end of the meeting.

Mister/Madam Toastmaster

[Sit down]

Note: You may choose to use the clicker instead of the horn. Don't feel embarrassed or like you are being too harsh by pointing out speaking errors with the horn or clicker. Often, speakers don't realize that they are saying distracting words. It is your job to help us realize our mistakes so we can correct them!