



# AH COUNTER

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## Purpose

The purpose of the ah counter is to note behavior that offend sentences such as interjections, unnecessarily long pauses, sounds, and fillers. All speakers are accountable to ah counting.

## What is an ah?

Examples of inappropriate interjections are "well..., but..., you know...", and so on. Examples of inappropriate sounds are "ah, um, er, mmm," and so on. Please note when a speaker repeats a word as in "I, I" or "This means, this means".

## Ah Penalty

The speaker is fined ₩100 per *ah*. The maximum penalty is ₩1000. These offenses are collected at the end of the meeting and placed inside the piggy bank.

## Competent Leadership (CL) Manual

This role counts towards CL certification. Do remember to consult the evaluator as it partly satisfies Project 1: Listening.

## Prior to the Meeting

Prepare a brief explanation of the duties of the ah counter for the benefit of the audience.

## Upon Arrival to the Meeting

Obtain a copy of the meeting agenda to get familiarizes with the night's assigned speaker roles. Your seating is assigned; please find the ah counter plastic showcase and in sit in that seat, and have plastic piggy bank at your station.

## During the Meeting

Introduce yourself when the toastmaster calls upon you. Explain the role of the ah counter. A sample script has been provided at the end of this role guide. Throughout the meeting, listen very carefully to every presentation and record the number of *ahs* each person makes. During the evaluation session, the general evaluator will call for your report. Please stand and announce clearly results from the ah tally.

## After the Meeting

Please collect the ah fines, return the role guide and yellow piggy bank to the sergeant-at-arms.

## SCRIPT

*Good evening Toastmasters I will be listening for inappropriate sounds or pause fillers made by each speaker tonight. Examples include "ah, um, er" and repeated words such as "I, I" or "This means, This means". I will record the number of "ahs" for each speaker and then give me report later tonight. For each "ah" mentioned, a fine of ₩100 will be exacted to a maximum of ₩1,000. Please do remember to pay your ah offenses to the piggy bank at the end of the meeting. Now, I give my control back to the Toastmaster.*

## Ah counter's tally sheet

No	Name	Count (mark)	Total	No	Name	Count (mark)	Total
1				13			
2				14			
3				15			
4				16			
5				17			
6				18			
7				19			
8				20			
9				21			
10				22			
11				23			
12				24			