

Grunt Counter

The purpose of the Grunt Counter is to note words and sounds used as a "crutch" or "pause filler" by anyone who speaks during the meeting. Words may be inappropriate interjections such as "and," "well," "but," "so," "you know." Sounds may be "ah," "urn," "er." The Grunt Counter also notes when a speaker repeats a word or phrase such as "I, I" or "This means, this means."

When you are the Grunt Counter, listen throughout the meeting to everyone (except guests) for "crutch" sounds and long pauses used as fillers and not as a necessary part of the sentence structure. Count down how many "grunts" each person has used during all portions of the meeting. When called on by the General Evaluator during the evaluation segment, stand by your chair and give your report.