

SURPRISE

AIM:

- Presented in place of a tonic.
- This could be a poem, story or excerpt from an article that you found inspiring, humorous or simply would like to share with your fellow Toastmasters.

PREPARATION:

Make sure that the text is large enough to read clearly at the lectern.

ON THE NIGHT:

Be ready at the lectern when you are called to give your assignment. Remember you are setting the tone for meeting - be enthusiastic!

Acknowledge the meeting and commence your assignment. Conclude by acknowledging the Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS:

A joke (remember it should be in good taste and not likely to cause offence)

A humorous story or anecdote - perhaps about yourself, a family member, or friend

An amusing article - Readers Digest, newspapers and magazines often have suitable short stories

POINT TO REMEMBER:

This is a short but important assignment so make the most of your time - be theatrical, inspirational, funny, uplifting and sparkling. It is a chance to use your imagination!

TIMING:

1 - 2 minutes