Presentation Tips for Students

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Tips to improve presentation effectiveness and reduce the stress of public speaking.

PURPOSE

Delivering effective presentations is a transferrable skill.

PROCEDURE

» **Prepare.** Think about and plan what you are going to say.

» **Practice**. A dry run (or several) of your presentation will make you more confident and better ensure that your content will flow smoothly and fill the allotted time.

» **Don't read**. Know your content. If you know your main ideas and don't rely on reading notes, you can connect with your audience.

» **Have energy**. Move your hands. Walk around. Make eye contact. Making use of natural body language is more engaging for your audience.

» **Look presentable**. Being clean and neat will improve your audience's perception of you.

» **Use visual aids**. Whether a PowerPoint, handout, demo, or combination of tools, visual aids can enhance and better engage your audience with your content.

» **Keep it simple**. Stick to a key topic aim for one idea per slide and basic imagery over wordy or visually distracting slides.

CONSIDERATIONS

Meet your audience's needs and keep them engaged and interested in what you have to say.

BEGINNER