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What is your greatest strength as a public speaker?

My greatest strength as a public speaker would be preparing myself mentally for it(speech/presentation). Like I picture how I will talk, what I will talk about, and how I will interact with the audience. However, by doing this, I tend to become more nervous and not do the things that I pictured I would do or say. I am also very much empathetic; I can tell whether people care to listen or not. However, because I am so sympathetic, it makes me nervous as I am scared of what people think about me. I don't think my voice projects naturally because I tend to stutter some words, which makes it seem that I lack confidence when speaking or that my point isn't strong. I simply just can't pronounce some words without stuttering (speaking problem; my original language uses very different speech patterns, so it's hard for me to say some English words). I also think a big reason why my voice doesn't come off naturally is that I don't use my hands or body in the right way when speaking. I don't have the traits to be a leader, and I also don't like having responsibilities on my head. Even though I don't like being a leader, I do like being a "role model" in a sense. For example, when it comes to teaching other people about a subject that I am familiar with, I enjoy teaching others who may be struggling with it. One of my strongest strengths is my weakness; since I tend to be shy, I get very hyper, which results in me doing much better than expected. I used to play video games competitively, but I would perform "okay" when it was just practice time. However, when I knew that people were watching me play the game, I would do much better when nervous (win more). Later on, I learned that being nervous while doing anything makes you very self-aware of your surroundings, putting the human body in survival mode. This is probably why I did so much better when I was nervous. In conclusion, I would say that I care too

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much. What I mean by that is I try to be perfect, which is hard to be. So I just need to accept myself
for who I am and just carry on. I believe I can be a good speaker and have the confidence to be one.

I just need to believe in myself some more. Even if I am nervous/shy, I also think I should be embarrassed as my human personality and use it to my advantage. As I mentioned, I would do much better when nervous, so why not use it as a tool to perform better.