

Exercise 1a

Topicality

1. Call up two speakers who are presenting at the show.
2. Ask them about what they are presenting.
3. Ask them how they picked that topic.
4. Ask them to refine the topic definition.

Exercise 1b

Topicality

1. Call up a new speaker.
2. Hand him a set of 3 topic cards.
3. Ask him to pick one.
4. Ask him to do a 30-second presentation on the topic he picks.
5. Ask him to explain how he picked that topic, and what he refined it to.

Exercise 2a

Audience

1. Call up new speaker
2. Ask them to explain the audience for Linux Collab and LinuxCon
3. Drill down on audience factors.
4. Ask them how that affects their own presentation.

Exercise 2b

Audience

1. Call up two more speakers.
2. Have them plan a 60-second version of their talk. If they don't have a talk, use Topic Cards.
3. Hand them the Audience Cards. Don't show them to the attendees.
4. Have them give a version of their talk to the targeted audience.
5. Deconstruct the choices.

Exercise 3

Story

1. Call up new speaker.
2. Have them pick a topic card.
3. Have them choose a story for their talk. Explain choices.
4. Have them deliver a 60s version of the talk.

Exercise 4

Non-Slide Presentations

1. Call up someone who is already doing a talk.
2. Explain the setup to them:
 1. laptop won't work with the projector.
 2. dropped the USB drive in their coffee.
 3. internet not working
 4. they have no slides.
3. Brainstorm, with audience help: what can they do for non-slide preso?
4. Have them give 60s non-slide preso.

Exercise 5

Eye Contact

1. Call up new speaker
2. If they don't have their own talk, have them pick a Topic Card.
3. Explain the rules of Eye Contact with them.
4. Have them practice “floating”.
5. Sit down in audience.
6. Have them do their 60s talk.

Exercise 6

Body Language

1. Call up new speaker
2. If they don't have their own talk, have them pick a topic card.
3. Position them “closed”.
4. Have them give the 60s talk like this.
5. Position them “open”.
6. Have them give the 60s talk like this.
7. Discuss.