



Making a Presentation

The dos and don'ts of presentations:

Don't:

- Write too much on PPT
- Read from PPT
- Memorize every word (that would be like a speech)

Do:

- Be yourself
- Engage with the audience
- Use a hook!

Hook:

Start with rhetorical questions:

- Have you ever wished...?
- Have you ever wondered...?
- What's the most important thing...?

Make it personal (talk about how the topic relates to you):

- When I was about seven...
- Let me tell you how I got interested in Mars...
- About three years ago, I was on a trip in Ethiopia...

Ask for a show of hands:

- Just by a show of hands, who here uses....
- How many of you use this kind of thing everyday? Hands up.

Example outline:

Topic: The Value of Travel

Hook: Who here thinks traveling is more than just a vacation? Hands up.

Introduction: Explain why travel is actually a great investment, not just a way to relax.

A. Exposure to other cultures

- Trip to India and the importance of shock
- Eating traditions made me reflect on my own country

B. Getting out of the routine is vital to fresh ideas

- The need to explore is part of who we are
- See your own life in a new way, find value in everything

C. Global connections are valuable

- Staying with a friend in Japan
- Collaborating with and helping others is rewarding

So, the next time you're planning to go to a 5-star resort...

Assignment:

Choose a simple topic, like travel, a life lesson you've learned, or the value of choosing your major in university. Create an outline, and then record yourself giving the presentation, or have a friend listen.

Hook:

Introduction:

A. First main point

- Example 1
- Example 2

B. Second Main point

- Example 1
- Example 2

B. Third Main point

- Example 1
- Example 2

Final thoughts (doesn't need to be a summary)