Intention-Based Communication® Getting your audience to react the way you want!

The Pinnacle Method™ 3-Step Pro		The Pinnacle Communication Matrix:
If your audience is bo	ored during a meeting	or presentation, whose fault is it?
According to a landmark study by initial perceptions of one's commu	unication breaks down in th	
Verbal Vocal		
Visual		
How long does it take to make a fi	rst impression:	
FACE	BASE	PACE
Objective:		
Intention:		

"Communication—the human connection—is the key to personal and career success."
Paul J. Meyer



Intentions

Greet	Caution	Commend	Instruct	Calm
Persuade	Excite	Mock	Involve	Flatter
Challenge	Seduce	Frighten	Reassure	Intimidate
Apologize	Reprimand	Entertain	Confuse	Silence

Pinnacle Method Glossary

Acting As If: A technique used in acting or life that takes advantage of your natural mental and emotional responses to posture and behavior to impose a feeling of confidence or security

Belly Button Rule: A term coined by author Janine Driver stating that the direction a person's belly button faces can reflect their attitude and reveal their emotional state

Benefit: Something advantageous or positive that an audience will achieve or receive as a result of hearing your message

Body Language: Nonverbal communication such as gestures, postures, and facial expressions that help support a person's intention

Congruence: The state in which all aspects of voice and body language perfectly support a communicator's intention

Core Breathing: The low belly breath used by actors and singers for maximum support; also called diaphragmatic breathing

Engagement: A connection with an audience that finds them in a willing state of attentiveness during your communication

Gesture: Any movement of the hand, arm, body, head, or face that communicates a specific idea, opinion, or emotion

Home Base Position: The relaxed, open body position that serves as a communicator's physical neutral when not moving or gesturing

Inflection: The specific pitch in the voice (up or down) used at the end of a word or phrase

Intention: The purpose and emotion conveyed through your delivery that instructs your audience how to react

Intention Cues: Any aspect of a person's vocal or physical communication that conveys meaning to an audience or listener

Mirror Theory: The idea that people pick up on whatever emotion or intention a speaker projects and both feel and project back that emotion; see also, isopraxism

Monotone: A succession of sounds or words without change in pitch

Nonverbal Communication: Any aspects of communication: aside from the actual words spoken: that send messages or convey meaning to a listener

Objective: A goal you hope to accomplish with your communication

Pace: The rate, based on words per minute spoken, at which a person speaks

Pacifier: Any nervous behavior or activity displayed by a speaker that communicates discomfort or nervousness

Pattern Interrupt: Any action or behavior that breaks a pattern in an effort to maintain the attention of an audience

Personal Stamp: The uniqueness and individuality a speaker or actor brings to a presentation or performance

Posture: The position of a person's body when standing or sitting

Spatiality: The way in which a speaker uses space, movement, and distance when communicating a message to others

Stone-Face Syndrome: A condition whereby a speaker's facial expressions communicate virtually nothing, usually a result of nervousness or anxiety

Torso Tell: A concept that the direction your torso is facing signals interest and intent

Upspeak: The tendency to make your voice rise at the end of sentences so that statements sound like questions

Verbal Virus: Verbal fillers (such as ah, um, or I mean) that show up in speech and communicate uncertainty to an audience or listener

Vocal Dynamics: The ways in which you use the various qualities of the voice (pitch, tone, resonation, inflection, articulation, volume, and pace)

