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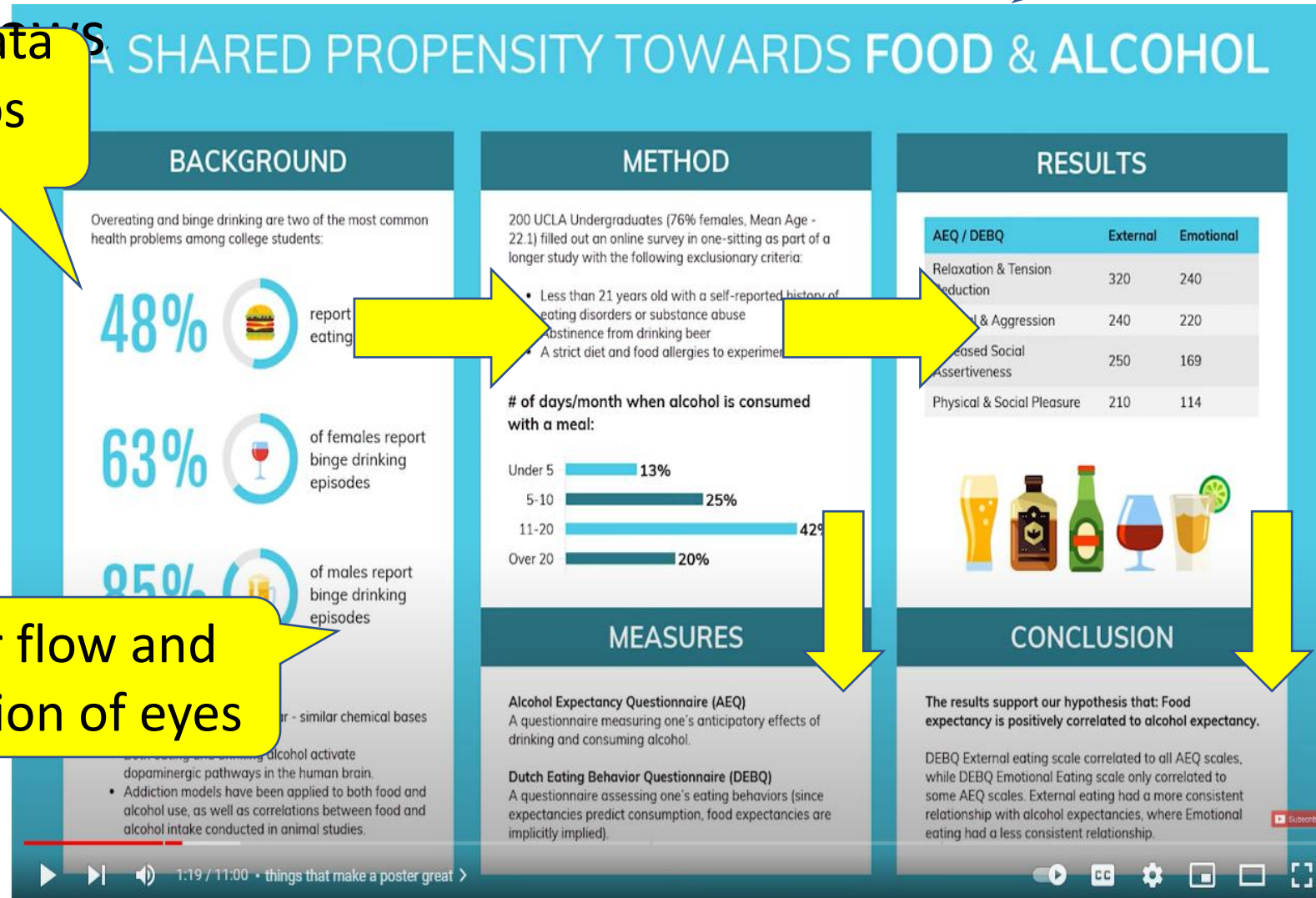
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INTERNET INEQUALITY: THE IMPACT OF HOME ACCESS ON SCHOOL SUCCESS

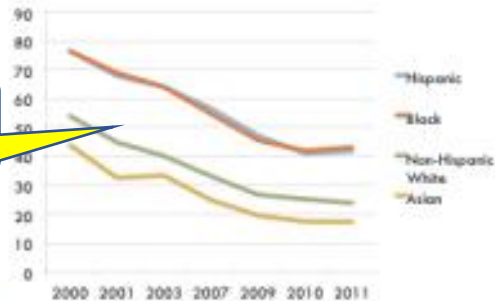
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ABSTRACT

In addition to a wide education gap between Hispanic and non-Hispanic White students, there also exists a persistent gap in home internet access between these groups. In my research, I identify a link between these two trends by analyzing data from the Current Population Survey. My research shows that lower rates of home internet access contributes to educational gaps between ethnic groups and that home internet access relates to higher school success.

BACKGROUND

Percent of Households Lacking Internet Use, by Race and Ethnicity



- Total internet access has increased but gaps in access persist between race/ethnic groups
- Factors affecting access include income, ethnicity, age, and level of education
- Previous studies suggest both positive and negative effects of home computer access on education



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METHODOLOGY

DATASET

- Used cross-sectional data on students ages 13-17 from the 2009, 2010, and 2012 Current Population Surveys

SUCCESS ESTIMATOR

- Generated a variable measuring grade retention to estimate school success for each student

REGRESSION MODEL

- Employed an Ordinary Least Squares regression model to identify correlations between internet access and school success

RESULTS

- Hispanic students are significantly more likely to be below grade level than their White peers
- Differences in school success are mostly attributed to income
- Some differences can be explained by differences in access to home internet
- Students who lack internet access, regardless of race or income, have lower success in school



CONCLUSION

Home internet access has a significant effect on school performance, and it explains some difference in educational outcomes between first generation Hispanics and Whites. While increased home internet access may decrease grade retention and rates, it is unlikely to affect gaps between different racial and

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FLEXIBLE FORAGING BEHAVIOUR IN WILD ZEBRA FINCHES AND ITS RELATION WITH TEMPERATURE

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INTRODUCTION

- Foraging as behavioural trait has been poorly investigated
- Fluctuation in environmental conditions can lead to different behavioural strategies being equal in fitness in the long-term
- In extreme and unpredictable environment these fluctuations are more pronounced

QUESTIONS

IS INDIVIDUAL FORAGING BEHAVIOUR
CONSISTENT IN WILD ZEBRA FINCHES?

HOW DO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS
(TEMPERATURE) INFLUENCE FORAGING BEHAVIOUR?

MATERIALS AND METHODS



Zebras finches were fitted with a light and temperature sensor and a transmitter.

ANALYSIS ON OVER
FORAGING BEHAVIOUR
OF 12 INDIVIDUALS

Parameter	Value
Time	12h
Location	100m
Time	100s
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Analysis of 12 individuals showing
different foraging behaviour
Data represent mean and SD
Results are shown in table



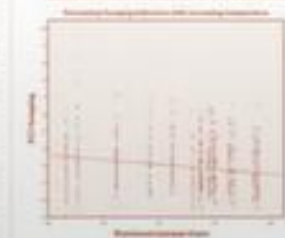
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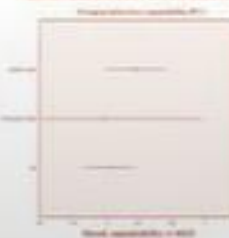
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CHANGING ENVIRONMENT LED TO FLEXIBLE
FORAGING BEHAVIOUR - CONCLUSION?



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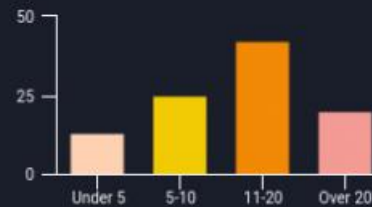


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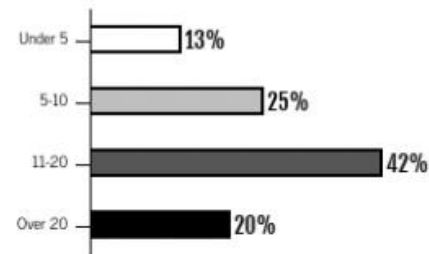
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THE PLACEBO EFFECT

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The Massy Institute for Studies of Human Behavior

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The National Centre
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Mechanics Presents

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Study conducted by Jonas Festinger,
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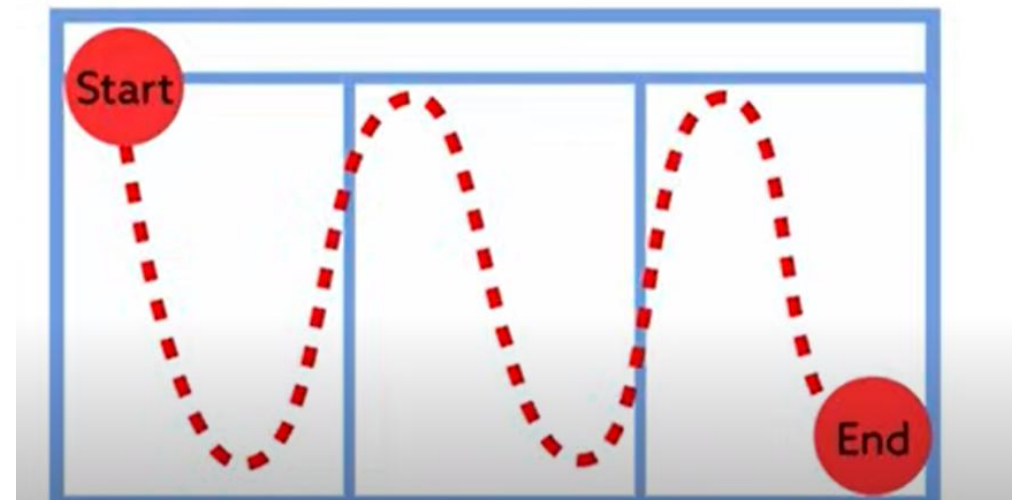
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Tell a Story- left to right



Leave white space

40% →



Use space to highlight key points

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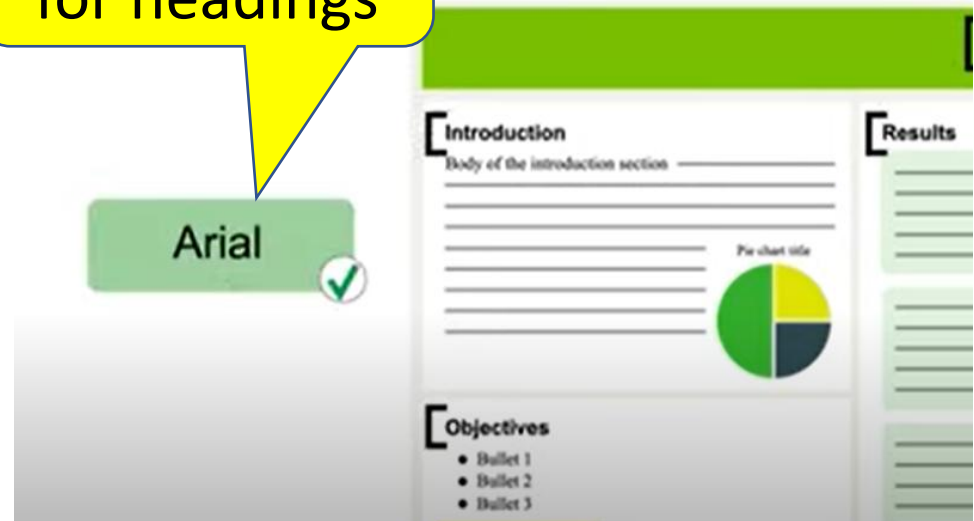
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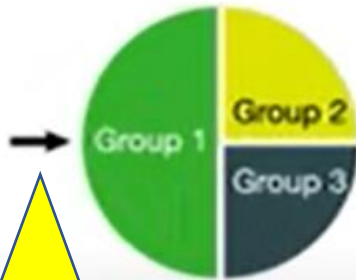


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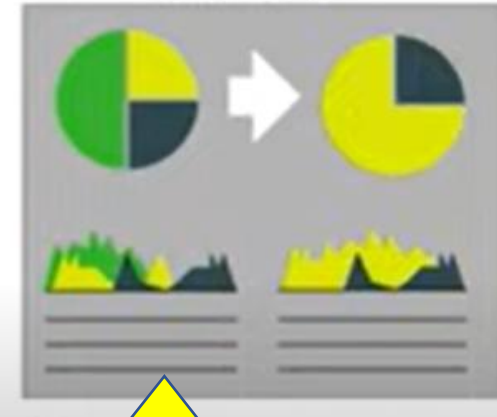
Arrows & simple labels on graphs

Bar chart title



Short, attention grabbing title

Summary



Summary graphs



Area	Consider the following
Function of your poster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informative→ what does the audience already know? (too simple, easy, identify something new) • Technical analysis→ data amount and detail
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use good ready made templates, use a colour palette (colors that 'look good together') Choose a nice font; be consistent with font size and alignment; learn from someone who has a 'good eye' for design.
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify to a problem- solution if appropriate. The problem catches people's attention and then the 'solution' makes more sense
Order of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think of the most logical order.....e.g. definition first...flow of ideas that can be easily followed by the eye
Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use bullet points • Change sentence structure- avoid long sentences • Language accuracy- sentence and vocabulary • Don't hyphenate words
Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are they necessary? Are they relevant? Are they well designed? • What exactly do they show? How do they link to the text?

PRESENTATION & VIDEO

3 Hand gestures



The 'give'



The 'show'



The 'chop'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFLjudWTuGQ> (6.20 – 10.30)

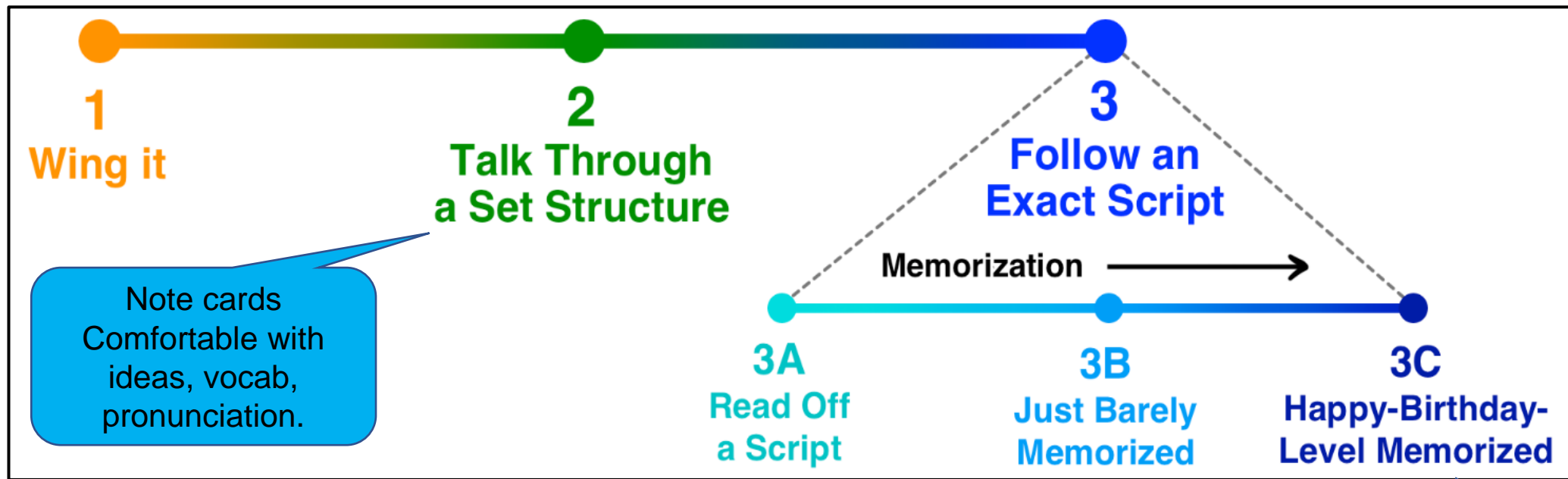


Palms up!

No finger
pointing



Loosen
up!



Problem- Safe but boring, robotic intonation, eye contact lost, **reciting not talking**

Audience reaction: I think I'll check my phone!

Problem: if using notes will have to look down at them. Mind focused on script and words not on the content. Loss of eye contact, **reciting, not communicating. Risky**

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Script memorized cold- i.e. you don't have to consciously recall it

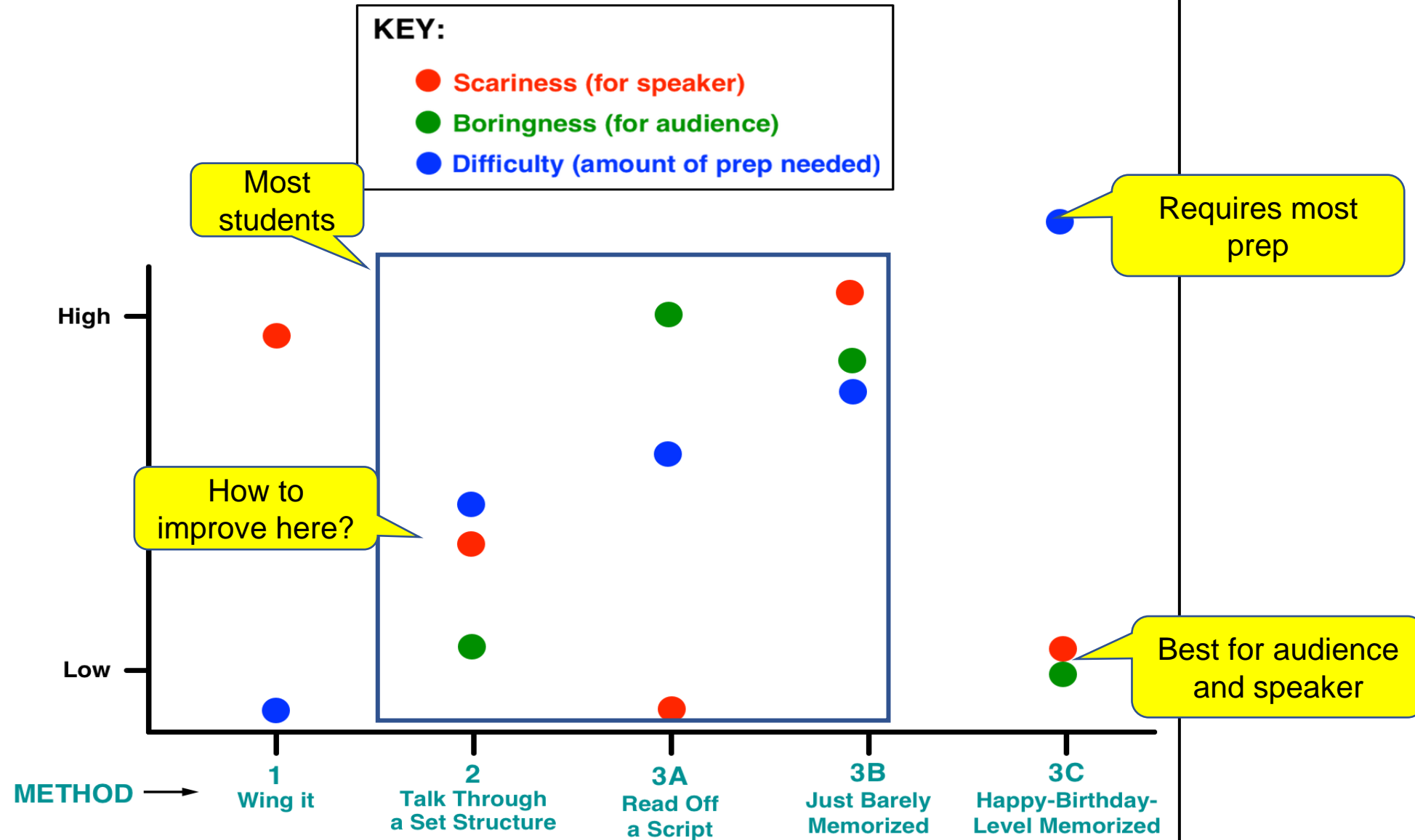
Conscious mind not try to remember the language or ideas, but is free to think-about the ideas, audience, eye contact etc.

The people at TED refer to two tests you need to pass to qualify as Happy-Birthday-level memorized:

1. If you record yourself saying the talk and play it back at 2x speed, can you say it out loud while it's playing and stay *ahead* of the recording?
2. Can you recite the talk with no problem while simultaneously doing an unrelated task that requires attention, like following a recipe and measuring out the ingredients into a bowl?



Public Speaking Methods: Pros and Cons



Memorization method

	Read out loud from script	Recite without script
Sentence 1	3 times	3 times
Sentence 2	x 3	X 3
Sentences 3,4,5 etc		
Paragraph 2,3,4	Link paras together	Link paras together

- Speed and pausing
- Individual word pronunciation
- Difficult sounds
- Numbers, figures, percentages, acronyms
- Technical terminology
- Intonation of sentences
- Transition from sentence to sentence

- Voice Record and playback
- Video record and playback-feedback from a friend

Eye contact with screen

Notes, script location

Camera background and environment

One take / spliced sections

Good afternoon everyone and thanks for coming to my presentation. Today, I'm going to tell you about a very interesting development in the train industry- hydrogen powered trains. You may not have heard about these before, but within a few years they may become very common and change the face of our industry.

In my talk today, I'm going to outline the problem that hydrogen trains can help to overcome and then go on to look at the technology involved, and the advantages it has over diesel or electric trains. **I'll briefly outline** the business aspects of this development as well.

Ok, to being, here is a photo of a hydrogen-powered train. As you can see, it looks very similar to an ordinary train. The main difference is in the power supply. This one is called the iLint and is being developed by Alstom. Currently Alstom has orders for 60 hydrogen trains from German rail companies and has contracted to provide maintenance for 30 years. The train will travel at around 140km/hour and will be able to travel 800km on a single tanks of hydrogen, carrying 300 passengers.

The reason for developing a hydrogen train is to reduce CO2 emissions from the train sector. In Germany, the target is to reduce CO2 by 40% by 2020 and to use 80% renewable energy by 2050. Hydrogen trains are an important part of reaching this aim.

Let me now turn to the technology and how it works. The basic fuel is hydrogen in a fuel cell which is used to generate electricity which powers the main engine. The only emissions are condensed water and steam. Thus, there are zero CO2 emissions in the train operation. Power which is not immediately used is stored in lithium ion batteries, and a converter is used to produced power for the air conditioning, doors, lights and digital displays. The power is managed by a smart power management system, and thus waste energy is minimized.

However, there is one major issue that needs to be considered and that is how hydrogen fuel is produced in the first place. It can be produced by electrolysis, which uses electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen, or chemically from natural gas by combining methane and high temperature steam. Both of these methods produce CO2 by the electricity they need. **But,** by using CO2 free wind power to produce electricity, which is then used to produce hydrogen, all CO2 emissions can be avoided.

Right, so we've looked at reasons for using hydrogen to drive trains and the technology behind it. **Now, let's turn our attention to** the business aspects of this development. So, what is the current state of play? **Well,** tests were carried out in 2017 and in early 2018, the first proper network trials will take place in Germany. **Currently** there are 4000 diesel trains running in Germany and Alstom plans to replace many of these with hydrogen trains.

Another issue is the high cost of electrification of rail lines. In the Uk recently a number of planned electrification schemes were cancelled due to cost issues. **Thus** Alstom predicts that there will be more demand for non-electric and non-diesel trains in the future. They are hoping that if their hydrogen trains prove to be cost effective and successful that they can supply trains to meet that demand.

OK, so that brings us to the end of my short talk. I'd now like you to discuss the following questions which I have prepared about the topic of greener trains in general, and more specifically about hydrogen trains. (612)

Structuring /
signposting
language

Introduce the topic

- *My name is ... and I'm going to talk about ...*
- *In this presentation, I will talk about/ outline / explain / go through / show*

Outlining

- *I will focus on*
- *Then I'll show*
- *Finally I'll highlight*

Sequencing/Ordering

- *firstly... secondly... thirdly...*
- *then... next... finally/lastly...*
- *let's start with...*
- *let's move/go on to...*
- *now we come to...*
- *that brings us to...*
- *let's leave that...*
- *that covers...*

Contradicting (to say the opposite)

- *In fact*
- *actually*

Summarizing

- *to sum up*
- *in brief*
- *in short*

Concluding

- *in conclusion*
- *to conclude*

Highlighting (to stress)

- *in particular*
- *especially*

Digressing (to go off the point)

- *by the way*
- *let's get back to...*

Giving reasons/causes

- *therefore*
- *so*
- *as a result*
- *that's why*

Contrasting (difference)

- *but*
- *however*

Comparing (similar)

- *similarly*
- *in the same way*

Giving examples

- *for example*
- *for instance*
- *such as*

Generalizing

- *usually*
- *generally*

Signalling the end

- *That brings me to the end of my presentation.*
- *That completes my presentation.*
- *Before I stop/finish, let me just say...*
- *That covers all I wanted to say today.*

Recommending

- *So, I would suggest that we...*
- *I'd like to propose... (more formal)*
- *In my opinion, the best solution is...*

Summarizing

- *Let me just run over the key points again.*
- *I'll briefly summarize the main issues.*
- *To sum up...*
- *Briefly...*

Closing

- *Thank you for your attention/time.*
- *Thank you for listening.*
- *I hope you will have gained an insight into...*

Concluding

- *As you can see, there are some very good reasons...*
- *In conclusion...*
- *I'd like to leave you with the following thought/idea.*

Inviting questions

- *I'd be glad to try and answer any questions.*
- *Does anyone have any questions?*

Tips for recording yourself reading your presentation.

- Type out parts (or all) of your presentation
- Separate them into lines, like above
- Practice reading at normal speed, focusing on individual sounds, intonation and rhythm.
- Practice difficult sounds or combinations of words again and again.
- Record yourself reading and listen to yourself to identify the problem words
- Come back a day later and record yourself again. By listening to your own voice you will become more aware of it and identify sounds or intonation that you need to work on. This will also help you with speed of delivery and pausing.
- Write down a list of individual words you find a bit tricky to pronounce and practice saying them individually-record yourself doing so.
 - e.g. Technical words, words with many syllables, words with sounds which can be tricky for Chinese speakers.
- Write down small phrases or series of words that you find tricky. Record yourself saying them and listen back.
 - Eg. Consonant cluster; phrases which are linked together; -ed endings; short words (prepositions)
- Send your sound file to a friend for them to listen and give feedback. And you do the same for them.

problem	cause	effect	solution
Speed of delivery too fast.	<p>Nerves, over reliance on poorly memorized text, reciting not communicating.</p> <p>Conscious mind focusing on recitation, not on content or audience</p> <p>Poor rehearsal and timing planning</p> <p>Trying to cram in too many ideas; failure to identify essential info</p>	<p>Audience lost or lose interest and start thinking- I wonder if I have any Wechat messages</p> <p>Audience have to 'work' too hard to follow the talk and switch off</p>	<p>Either memorize to the 'Happy Birthday' level to free conscious mind to think about ideas, audience, eye contact.</p> <p>Improve selection of content. Plan and rehearse again and again for timing</p> <p>Use pausing to mark changes of points, sections- Count to 3 mentally before moving on.</p> <p>Record yourself</p>

Poster Evaluation criteria

		Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Marks		1	2	3	4
Q1	Was the poster followed the requirements on size and format, and can be read clearly using PPT full screen?	The poster has not met any of the requirements, or most of the contents could not be read clearly	The poster has met one requirement, and most of the contents could be read clearly	The poster has met both requirements and most of its contents could be read clearly	The poster has met both requirements and all contents could be read clearly
Q2	Was the poster of good quality and appropriate to the subject material?	The poster was of poor quality and/or not appropriate to the subject material	The poster was reasonably presented and appropriate albeit with some errors	The poster was of a good standard and appropriate and was clearly presented	The poster was of an excellent standard and was highly appropriate
Q3	Did the poster presentation delivery style inspire confidence?	The audience would have no confidence following the poster presentation due to poor communication and/or presentation style	Although improvements could have been made with regards to the poster presentation style, the audience would still have some confidence	The poster presentation was mostly clear and professional and as such the audience would have quite a lot of confidence	The poster presentation was of excellent quality and very professional and as such the audience would have full confidence
Q4	Was the message communicated to the audience	The audience could not follow the poster presentation and no key messages were retained	The messages were reasonably clear, but may not be retained	The key messages were generally well communicated and would be remembered	The key messages were clearly stated and understood by the audience and would be well retained
Q5	Were questions answered in an effective manner?	The presenter could not or would not answer questions	The answers to questions were acceptable	The answers to questions were good and appropriate	The answers to questions were of excellent quality and showed a detailed insight into the topic
Q6	Was the short presentation appropriate and correctly timed?	The talk was far too short or had to be stopped so as not to excessively exceed the time	The timing was acceptable, and the presentation was reasonably clear	The timing was good, and the presentation clearly explained the poster topic	The timing of the presentation and its content were excellent

Q & A



A: Reasons for choosing this application / topic / product.

- Where did the idea for your product come from?
- Is there a 'gap' in research or in the market that your product attempts to fill?
- Is your product 'original' or 'novel'? In what ways?

B: Design process

- What was the easiest / most difficult part of the conceptualization and design process?
- What external support did you use during this research process- e.g. tutors, peers, friends, advisors etc.? What support did you get from them?
- Did you use AI to help you with your work? Which AI and how did you use it?
- What were the main study resources you used to learn about your topic for this research- e.g. textbooks, lecture or seminar notes and PPTS, online educational resources (videos, wikis, blogs, discussion forums etc.)? Can you recommend the best educational sources you found.
- How was the project work divided between team members? Did you have any team work problems?
- Did you encounter anything unexpected in your research or design process- i.e. quantitative or qualitative results or outcomes that were different from what you expected?
- If you were starting your design process again what would you do differently the 2nd time round and why?

C: Key terminology, concepts, ideas needed to understand your product / application.

- Explain 3 key terms / concepts that are important to your product / research.
- Why are they significant / relevant to your product research?

D: Detailed aspects of your software / product

- Describe the main features of your product and how they function in 1 minute / 3 minutes
- How well does your software actually work in practice? Does it have any limitations?
- How did you test your software? Describe the processes used.
- Highlight any of the key aspects of the written software: e.g. architecture, modularization, abstractions, naming conventions, layout, documentation

E: Linking this research / product to further work / external markets

- Who would be interested in using your product? Other researchers, businesses, industry, universities, individuals? How could they use it?
- Does your product have wider applications in other fields? Which ones and how?
- Does your research have potential commercial applications? Have you researched the market in this area?



F: Problems in your work- A reviewer notices a problem in your work or asks you about choices you made. Can you think of examples of these choices from your work?

- You didn't do X or Y- why not?
- You didn't use X or Y- why not?
- Why didn't you use X instead of Y?
- Do you think X would have given you better results?

STICKY

How many friends could guess the song? $1/10?$ $5/10?$


(Happy Birthday song)


Elizabeth Newton
Stanford Psychologist

Study Results:
Listener's Success Rate: $1/40$
Tapper's Prediction: $1/2$

THE CURSE OF KNOWLEDGE



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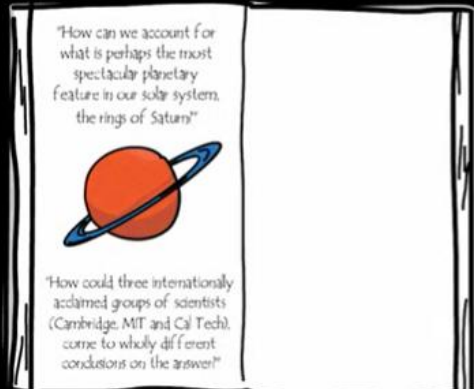



Robert Cialdini





How is this going to end?

What's going to happen next?

How is this going to end?

U NEXPECTED



ent of Transportation

Didn't see that coming?

No one ever does

Buckle Up



"What is my audience expecting to hear about this topic?"

"What would my audience find surprising or counterintuitive about this topic?"

PERSONAL STORY

Sequence
Struggle
Protagonist
Setting

3M
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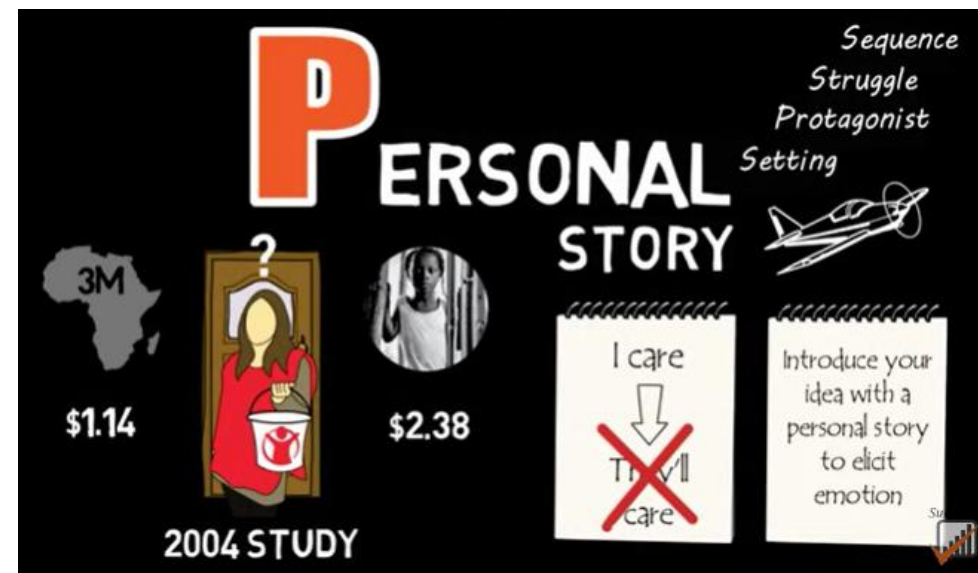
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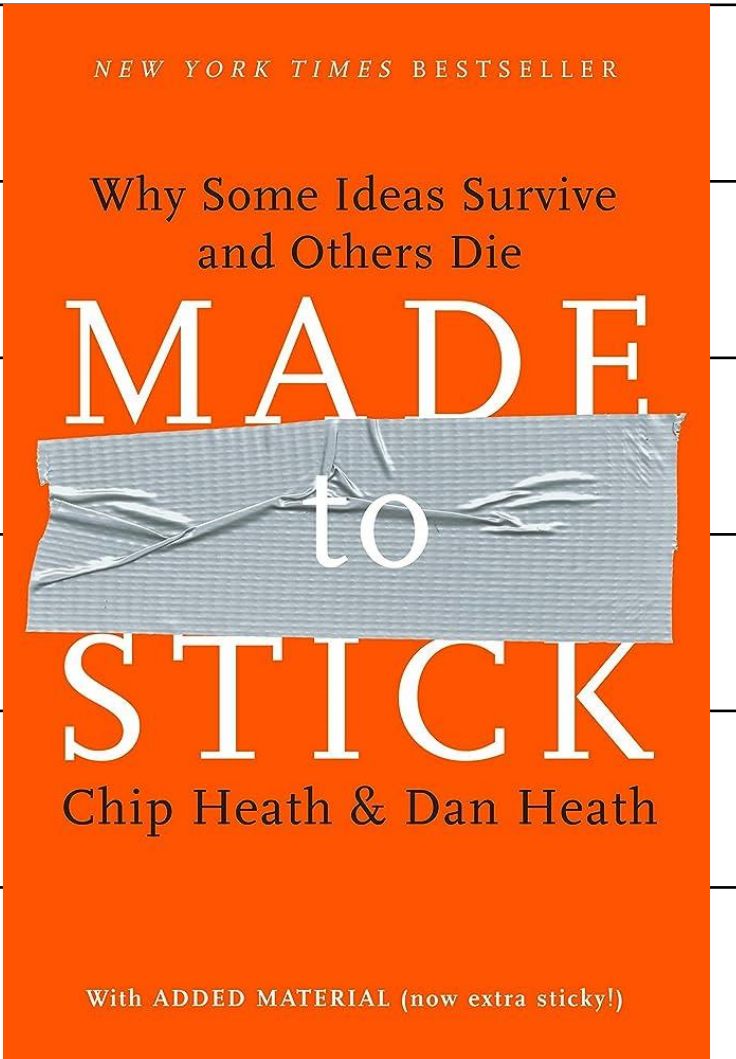
I care
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~~They'll care~~

Introduce your idea with a personal story to elicit emotion

2004 STUDY



S U C C E S S

S	Simple		
U	Unexpected		
C	Concrete		
C	Credible		
E	Emotional		
Ss	Stories		



- **Simple:** Simplicity is achieved when an idea is stripped down to its core, to the most essential elements that make it work. Simple does not have to mean short (but it helps); what is important is that the single most important thing be highlighted.
- **Unexpected:** The best ideas represent a break from the everyday, the ordinary, the status quo. Once our attention is grabbed, sticky ideas refuse to let go, holding our interest by creating in us a need to discover the outcome, to see how things work.
- **Concrete:** We must present our ideas in term of sensory information. This is where most of the business communication goes awry. Speaking concretely is the only way to ensure that our idea means the same thing to everyone in the audience.
- **Credible:** Sticky ideas give us a reason to believe they're true (even when they're not). Statistics are useful, though they suffer from a lack of concreteness. Another source of credibility is personal experience. Ideas that can be put to question are more reliable.
- **Emotions:** Give your audience a reason to care about your idea. Sticky ideas resonate with us on a level below our immediate consciousness. Sticky ideas appeal to our wishes, desires, and hopes, and interlock with our image of ourselves. We are wired to feel things for people not for abstractions.
- **Stories:** Stories foster our imagination to widen our horizon of dwelling into different thoughts and feelings. Besides satisfying a number of the other principles of stickiness — offering surprises, concrete details, and emotional resonance — stories act as simulation chambers, allowing us to come to their morals on our own terms.