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Tips for Making a Stand-out Presentation

Remember that most people get nervous when doing presentations, whether it's their first time or their hundredth. Here are ideas that will help you to make a great presentation and ensure that your nerves are kept to a minimum.

1. Imagine you're the audience

Everybody has listened to a presentation that's been a little long. When you start planning your presentation, be sure to think about who you are talking to. Tailor your presentation to suit their knowledge and interest.

2. Plan on paper

It's important to get your ideas organized before you start creating a presentation on your computer. Move things around and get the flow in order.

3. The rule of three

Studies have shown that people will only remember three things from your presentation. Be clear about what your three most important messages are.

4. Avoid bullet points

To make the right impact don't use cheesy or poor quality pictures. Remember the audience should be listening to what you are saying rather than reading. Some presenters will start talking before bringing up their presentation on screen so that people don't get distracted.

5. Practice

The more comfortable you are with your ideas and what you are trying to say, the better you will come across. Confidence is very important for your presentation, and going through what you want to say and getting comfortable with standing up and talking can make all the difference.

6. Learn the first two minutes of your presentation

It's ok to glance at your notes every so often, but to start your presentation on a high and make sure that the audience is paying attention it's worth learning the first few minutes of your presentation.

7. Make eye contact

Eye contact is just as important when you are presenting as it is in an interview. The problem is that you might have quite a large crowd to try and engage with. Before you start your presentation, look out into the audience and engage with them. Getting a connection before you start speaking is very important.

8. Speak slowly

When people get nervous they can speak quickly or trip over their words. Although you might like it to be over quickly, it is worth taking your time when you speak. Take a few deep breaths before you start.

9. Have a think before answering questions

Although you can prepare your presentation, you can't prepare the answer to every question. When you're asked something that you're unsure of, you can delay replying by commenting "That's a very good question". It's much better than um's and ah's.

10. Don't make unnecessary apologies

If you're late or wrong, then you should apologize. But if you lose your place or stumble over a word, then just take a deep breath and continue. The audience can't tell how you're feeling, so it's best to not draw any attention to it. (careersblog.com)

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