#### **Presentation Skills**

#### **Careers Centre**





#### Overview

#### The four P's

- Plan
- Prepare
- Practice
- Present



"Proper **preparation** prevents **presentation** predicaments"

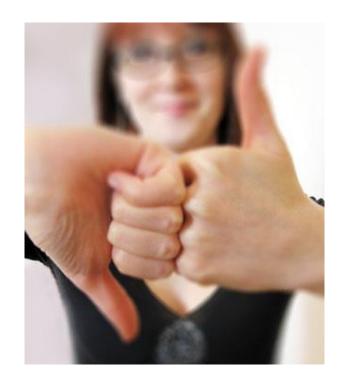
### The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Consider some previous presentations.

Select ...

1 criteria from the best of these

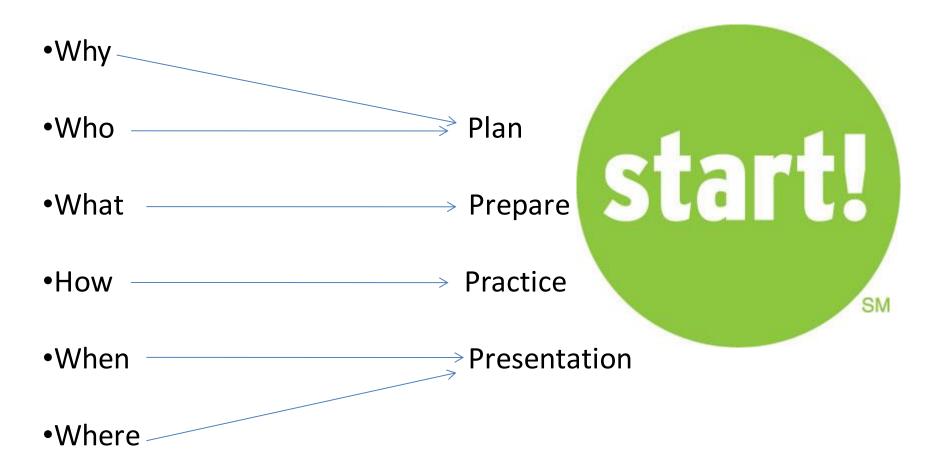
•1 criteria from the worst of these



(3 minutes each list)

#### Where to start?

#### Brainstorm for



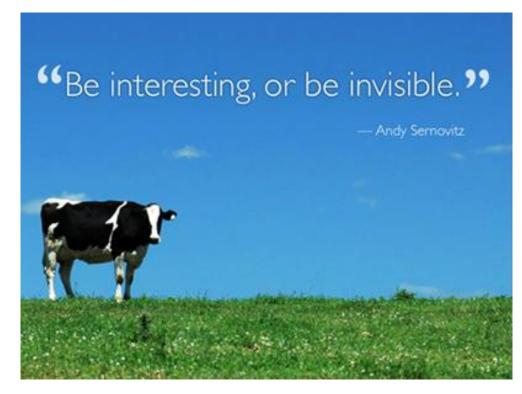
### Plan- The Core Message

Define objectives of talk based on:

#### Why?

- Reason for presentation
- Impact on audience
- What action

#### Three E's





#### Who

Pitch to audience

Size

Age/gender

Knowledge

Bias

Cultural make-up

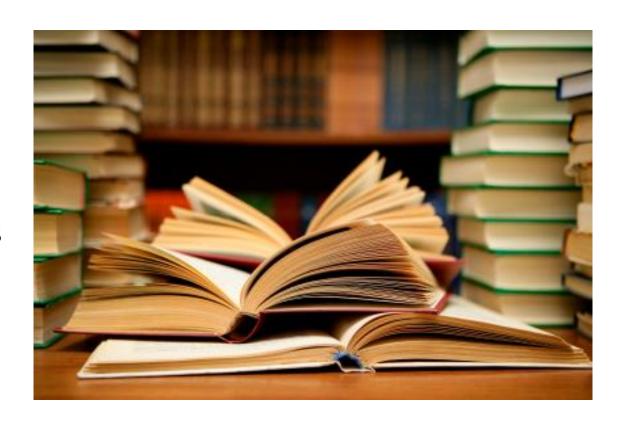


Talk to your audience rather than at them

### Prepare-Research

#### What?

- Experts
- Web
- Newspaper
- Competitors
- Professional bodies
- Statistics
- Analogies
- Demonstrations
- Testimonials
- Exhibits



### Structure- Shape the talk

#### Introduction

Tell them what you are going to tell them

Body

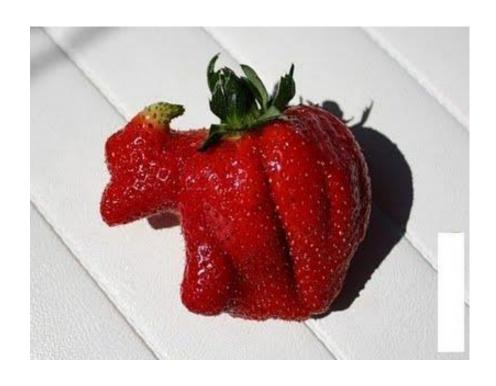
Tell them

**Summary** 

Tell them what you told them

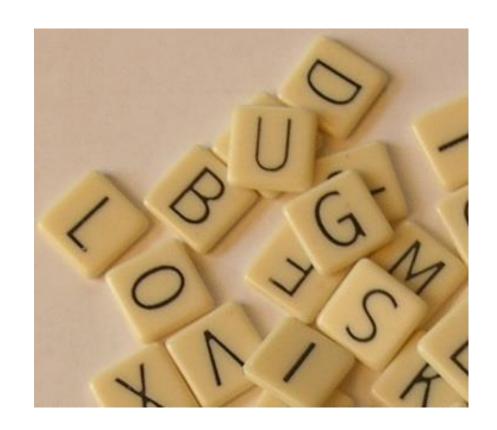
### Introduction

- Interesting, unusual, unexpected
- N Need
- T Title
- R Range
- o Objectives



### Main Body

- Structure theme
- •5 Need to know statements
- •5 Key words
- •5 Mini Speeches
- Check focus



# **End**

- Tell them what you told them
- Draw conclusions- capitalise
- Point way forward
- Closing statement- impressive
- Give time for questions





### How? Practice, practice, practice

Strong Opening

-reduces nerves

Clear Points

- improves performance

Logical flow

-helps judge timing

• 'So what' test?

Strong ending

-get familiar with aids

-avoid over rehearsing



#### The Power of Silence



# Delivery

- Vary voice
- Body language- eye contact
- Other aids
- Timing
- Pace





# Aids aid

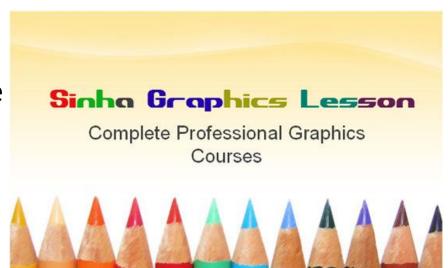
- Flip charts and white boards
- Overhead projectors
- Slide & Projector
- PC & Projector
- Video/ Multimedia
- Handouts



## Tips for effective slides

- Keep it simple
- One idea per slide
- Visuals/sounds
- Maximum of five points per slide
- No advance information



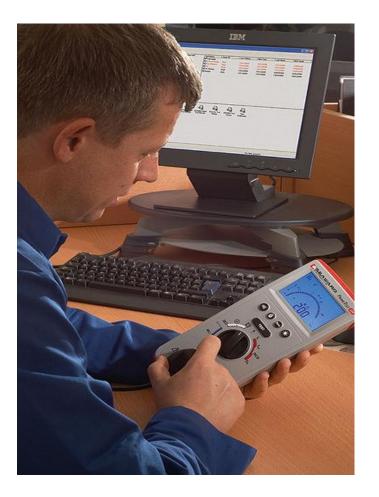


## Logistics

#### (When & Where of the Presentation)

- Attendance
- Check out room
- Test equipment
- Adapt layout
- Arrive early



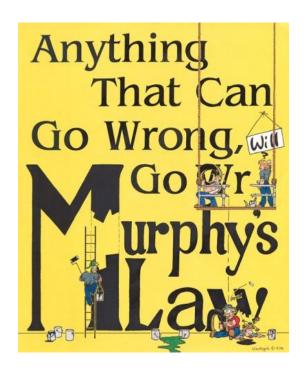


### Presentation Challenges

- Questions
- Murphy`s Law
- Interruptions
- Deal with detractors
- Nervousness





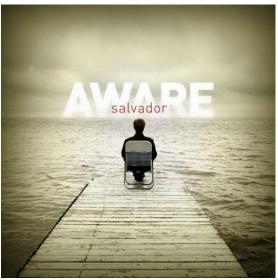


### Grace under fire

- **G** Grounded
- R Relaxed
- A Aware
- C Centred
- E Energised







#### Summary

- 5 key points (maximum)
- 4 P'S (plan, prepare, practice, and present)
- 3 Step structure,
- 2 A powerful presentation
- 1 Stand up, speak out, shut up.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI\_FJAOcFgQ

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE7QJSO449o

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCXQUwVcuVU

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5c1susCPAE