

How to give a solo presentation in class

PREPARATORY STEPS

- Pick a topic you and your class have heard of that you would like to learn more about.
- Do research on your topic online and narrow down your topic to no more than three main aspects.
- Decide what exactly you want your class to learn.

EXTRA STIMULI

- Make it easy for your class to pay attention and ask them at least three questions during your presentation.
- Break down your material into digestible “bites”. Plan your agenda consisting of no more than three main items of new information.
- Find extra stimuli for each bite, e.g. examples, pictures, charts, mind maps, jokes.

REHEARSAL

- Prepare cue cards and write a maximum of three words on each.
- Try to book a classroom for the rehearsal.
- Rehearse with a friend to keep time and give feedback.

BE PREPARED

- Make sure the day before e.g. that sheets are copied, that technical equipment is ready, that you have got a piece of chalk.
- Try to look nice and dress up a bit if it makes you feel better.
- Make sure the classroom is in good order, e.g. that the board is cleaned etc.

PERFORMANCE

- Assign specific feedback tasks to classmates.
- Clearly state what you expect your class to do, e.g. take notes or do a little quiz afterwards.
- If something goes wrong, ignore it or acknowledge it but do get on with your job.

WRAPUP

- Whatever the feedback is, accept it with a smile.
- Thank your classmates and the teacher for their attention and take your seat.

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