### **VV064**

Titles and Introductions (Second Seminar)

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  Responsibility 2. From Cold War to Cold Peace: Explaining U.S.-French
  Competition in Francophone Africa
- 3. Shells
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- 11. Inner City Problems and Policies: A Conservative View
- 12. Fat Rats: Are Their Hormones Different?
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  - 14. The NCT and AAA in GB
- 15. The Earth

# From the previous titles, only the following are suitable for a presentation

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### Try to avoid:

#### A) Cute or sensational titles:

Titles such as "Urban Gorilla seen in Glasgow" or "Best Selling Computer Software: Here and Now!" will probably not attract an audience which would like to get unbiased serious information regarding urban gorillas or computer software.

#### B) Abbreviations and jargon:

They may not be the same for different audiences (e.g. CR means the Czech Republic to Europeans, while in America it refers to Costa Rica, etc.).

#### Try to avoid:

#### C) Being too vague or general:

The audience should be able to predict the content (which is not possible with a presentations titled, e.g. "The Way to Truth" or "A Vital Question").

# D) Redundant words and phrases such as "a study on" or "an investigation of"

Everybody expects that an academic presentation is based on a reputable study, investigation or research project.

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# What is the purpose of introductions in presentation? What should a good introduction do?

- 1) Introduce yrslf
- 2) Introduce the topic
- 3) Start with a joke
- 4) Tell them the main points (outline)
- 5) Motivation (why you do that and why should they)

- 6) Contextualise
- 7) Tell another joke

- 1. The opening is the least important part of oral academic presentations.
- 2. Its main purpose is only to arouse curiosity among the audience.
- 3. A badly planned introduction may make the audience indifferent.
- 4. A properly prepared opening should make the presentation credible.
- 5. It is important to impress the audience with an elevated academic style of speech.

#### The Two-minute Presentation

• Write some notes for your two-minute presentation.

Preferably think and write in English.

Try to use short simple sentences.

A) Why did I choose this topic in general? Why am I enthusiastic about it? What can I tell the audience that they probably don't know but that they will find interesting?

B) What motivated me to decide to test a particular hypothesis or investigate a particular aspect? Was I stimulated by someone else's research?

C) What did I do to test the hypothesis/aspect? What problems did I have during the design and testing phases

D) What did I find? And what did I not find? Did my findings confirm my initial hypothesis? Were there any inconsistencies or surprises?

### The 8 Steps of a Successful Introduction

- 1) Greet the audience
- 2) Introduce yourself by saying your name and position
- 3) Give the topic / title / subject of your presentation
- 4) Explain the purpose of your presentation
- 5) Outline the main points you'll cover
- 6) Say how long it will take
- 7) Mention any audio-visual aids you'll use
- 8) Tell the audience when they may ask questions



**Proximity sensor** 

Ambient light sensor

Accelerometer

- 1. The rule of three
- 2. Visually engaging slides (pictures, images, no bullet points)
- 3. Enthusiasm





- 1. A single headline to set a theme
- 2. Provide the outline & verbally opens and closes each session with a clear transition
- 3. Enthusiasm
- 4. Make numbers meaningful, put them into context
- 5. Visual & simple
- 6. Rehearse a lot.