

Presentation Skills

Many jobs will, at some point, require people to make presentations. Even if it's just in an interview, understanding how to share your work is an important skill. While it may seem like English is the obvious choice for a lesson on public speaking, a variety of other careers also give talks and presentations. Scientists, mathematicians, and political leaders all present to their colleagues or others.

Teachers can choose one or more of the following activities to use with students. Teachers should guide the students through the steps, acting as a facilitator, but letting students take the lead on the projects themselves. Therefore, students can be working independently on different projects and provide critical feedback to one another.

Teachers can Make a Copy of this form to use with students, but should remove the directions or activities they do not intend to use before doing so.

Lessons

Note: The videos in each of the lessons below are less than 5 minutes long. It's recommended that teachers watch the videos as a whole group with students, discuss as a whole group for about 5-10 minutes, and then give students about 20-30 minutes to work on their presentations using the skills discussed in each video.

1. Creating a Google Slides Presentation

All teams will need a Google Slides presentation. Check out [this video](#) for tips on effective presentations and then have students provide each other with feedback based on the points in the video.

2. Introducing Yourself

Have students watch [this video](#) on how to introduce themselves during the presentation. Have each student write out their proposed introduction for themselves and then practice with a peer who then gives feedback.

3. Engaging the Audience

Interacting with the audience is a key factor in a successful presentation. Have students check out [this video](#) on some ideas to engage the audience. Then, have students brainstorm 1-3 ideas for their own projects, get feedback from their peers, and then add their ideas to their slidedecks.

4. Overcoming Nervousness

Everyone gets nervous about presenting! Have students watch [this video](#) and then discuss the techniques they will use to help themselves feel prepared the day of the presentation.