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Effective Presentations 2

How to structure your presentation



Presentations need a beginning, a middle and an end.

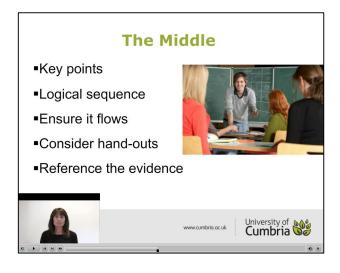
The presentation is often followed by further discussion and questions.

What are the main features of each part?



Beginning

- Introduce yourself and give an overview of what you will be presenting.
- Try to engage the audience and gain your authority.
- Capture the audience's attention – start with a question, an interesting quote or statistic.
- Tell the audience you will accept questions at the end this will avoid too many interruptions and helps you to maintain your flow.







Middle

- Have your key points in a sensible order so your audience can follow what you are doing.
- Reference your material accurately so it's clear where your information has come from. (Have a reference list as your last slide)

End

- Summarise the key points you have made.
- Emphasise again what you think is important.
- Don't be tempted to rush
- Draw conclusions which emphasise the significance of your findings.

Questions

- Don't pretend you know all the answers!
- Tell the questioner you will look into it and get back to them later date.
- If you don't know an answer, engage the audience in a discussion to find out what they think

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