

# A Guide to Giving an Effective DataJam Presentation



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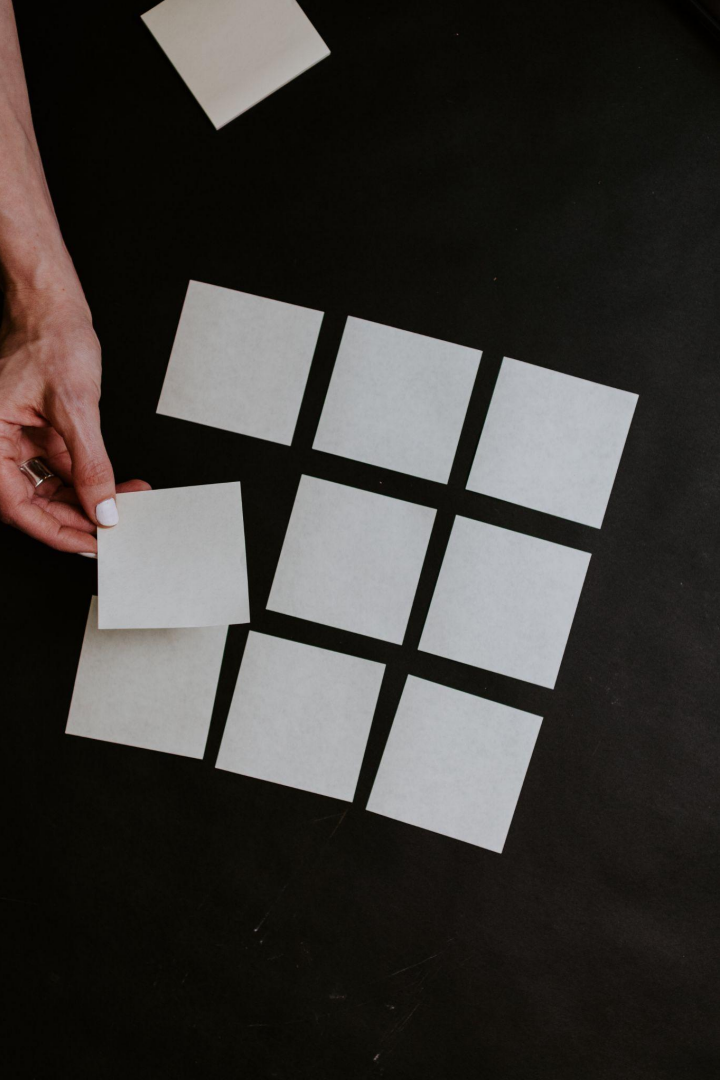
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# Preparing To Speak

- **Divide the Presentation**
  - Every group member **should speak**.
    - This also **helps with judge's scoring!**
- **Practice!**
  - Go over your presentation. You **must be familiar with the material**.
  - The more you practice, the **more professional you will sound**.
- **Prepare for Questions**
  - When people ask questions, it's because **they were listening and engaged**.
  - If you don't know the answer to a question, **don't panic!**
    - Acknowledge the Question
    - Be Honest
    - Offer to Find Out

# Engaging Your Audience

- **Show a Compelling Image**

- A captivating visual can capture and hold the audience's attention.
  - Make sure your image is relevant to the information you are presenting.
- An image can raise emotions, making your message more impactful.

- **Tell listeners what the topic has to do with them**

- People are more engaged when they see how the information directly impacts them.
- When listeners understand the personal relevance of a topic, they're more likely to engage in active learning.





# Effective Speaking Strategies

- **Maintain Eye Contact**
  - Maintaining eye contact helps keep the audience engaged.
- **Manage Speaking Pace**
  - Control your speed for clarity.
  - Take a pause, it's not a race.
- **Body Language and Gestures**
  - Positive body language can help make your message and presentation more effective.
  - Use your hands when speaking, it could help the audience better understand you and your message.

# Effectively Receiving Feedback

- **Listen Actively and Openly**
  - Give your **full attention** to the feedback provider.
  - **Avoid** interrupting or getting defensive.
- **Clarify and Understand**
  - **Ask questions** to clarify the feedback if needed.
  - Paraphrase the feedback to **ensure understanding**.
  - After paraphrasing, **ask for confirmation**. This can be something like:
    - “Did I get that right?”
    - “Is that an accurate summary of your points?”





# Time Management

- **Know Your Time Limit**
  - DataJam presentations are 10 minutes.
  - Work on making your presentation match the given time allotment.
- **Watch The Clock**
  - Knowing how much time you have left can help you adjust your speaking pace.
  - Being aware of the time can reduce anxiety.
- **Break Down Your Time**
  - Breaking down the allowed time for your presentation helps with distributing attention across all key points.
    - This ensures each section receives enough focus.

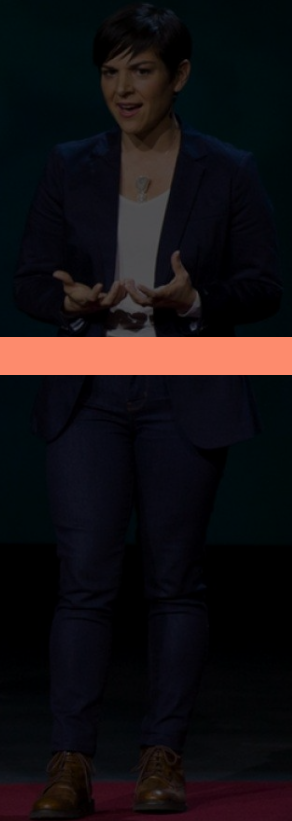
# Learn From The Best

- Here are some links to people who gave 10/10 presentations/speeches. Take notes!
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  - [Lara Boyd](#)
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**Good Luck!**



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