

Verbal presentation skills

Reading the audience

Getting feedback





# VOCAL TECHNIQUES



Speak from the gut,  
not the throat



Don't speak too quietly,  
but don't shout



Speak at the bottom  
of your vocal range



Silence is important,  
use pauses effectively



Avoid rising intonation  
at the end of a sentence



Use intonation to help  
emphasise your point

# VERBAL SKILLS



Be friendly



Speak with confidence



Be clear



Think before you speak



Practice humility



Body language



Listen



Be concise



Be authentic



Don't talk too much







# MAKE EYE CONTACT

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Eye contact helps to make your audience feel part of the event.

# INTERESTED or BORED

Is your audience paying attention and interested in what you are saying, or are they bored?



Not making eye contact with you.



Looking at phone. Slouching.  
Yawning. Talking to someone else

Making eye contact with you.



Taking notes. Nodding or laughing when  
you say something. Looking engaged







## DON'T BE ROBOTIC

Beyond being comfortable with your material, try to be comfortable in yourself. Presenters who stand in one spot or move repetitively are not very exciting, and usually lose the attention of the audience.



## Q&A

Question and answer sessions can be really good to get feedback. They can also be a disaster if no one asks a question, or if someone asks an awkward or difficult question. Have a plan