Getting Started

An Overview of the Public Speaking

Process

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Separate the speech into its major parts

Select a topic

Compose a thesis statement

Gather supporting materials

Practice delivering the speech

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Outline the speech

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Steps in the Speechmaking Process

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Analyze the Audience

- A systematic process of getting to know audience member attributes and motivations through techniques such as interviews and questionnaires
- Helps to answer three important questions:
 - What does my audience know about my topic?
 - How does my audience feel about my topic?
 - How can I best *reach* my listeners?

Select a Topic

- What makes a good topic?
 - Involves you
 - Involves your listeners
 - Is manageable

Review the Topic in Light of Audience Analysis

- Will my topic interest my listeners?
- Will my listeners relate?
- Will my speech benefit my audience?

Determine the Speech Purpose

General purpose:

To inform, persuade, inspire, celebrate, mourn or entertain

Specific purpose:

- To persuade my audience to donate blood
- To inform my audience of the benefits of meditation

Compose a Thesis Statement

- Encapsulate main points in one sentence
- Provides quick preview
- Should be easy to identify
- Should reflect the general purpose

Thesis Statement Examples

There is a urgent need for medical blood supply and today I
am going to tell you how you can save lives by donating.

High school graduates should be required to take a year off
to pursue community service projects before entering college
in order to increase their maturity and global awareness.

Develop the Main Points

- Primary pieces of knowledge (informative)
- Key claims (persuasive)
- How many...?

Gather Supporting Materials

- What kind?
 - facts, statistics, testimony, examples, narratives
 and anecdotes
- From where?
 - personal knowledge/experience, internet and library research, interviews

Evidence Defeats Doubt

- D Demonstrations
- E Examples
- F Facts
- E Exhibits
- A Analogies
- T Testimony
- S Statistics

Separate the Speech Into its Major Parts

- Introduction
- Body
- Conclusion

Outline the Speech

I. Main Point I

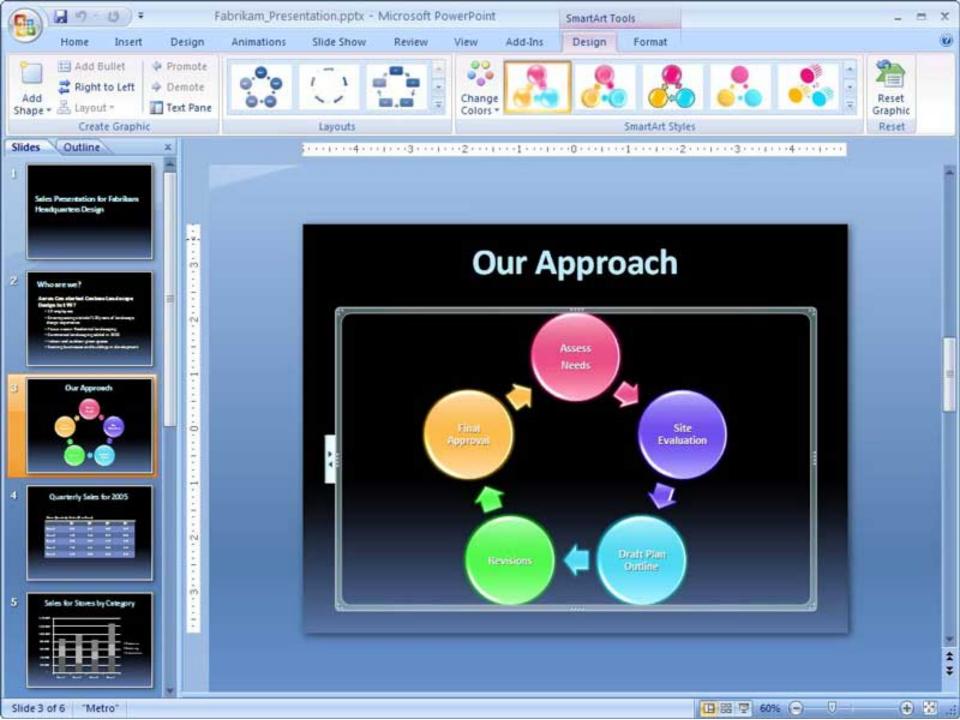
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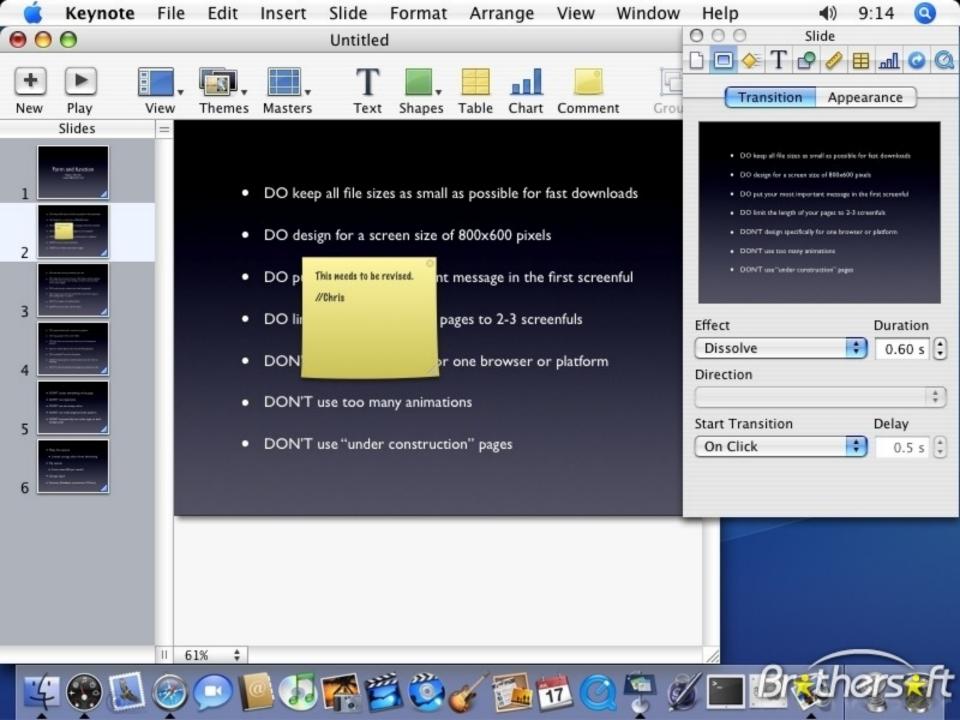
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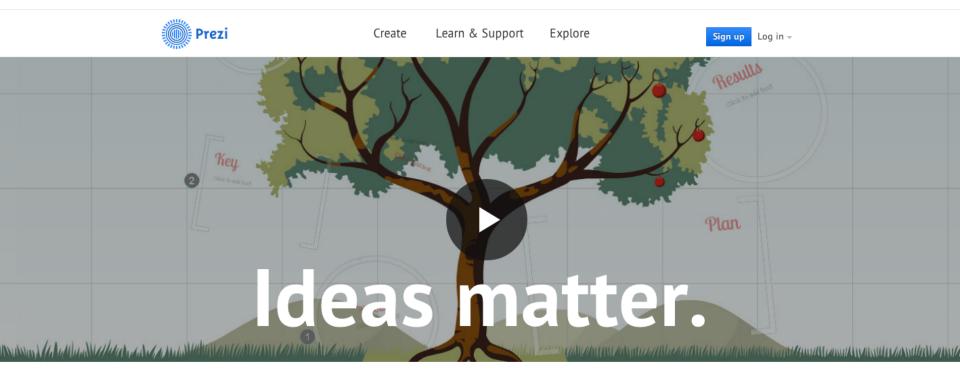
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- B. Subpoint II

Consider Presentation Aids

Will this help my audience understand my points?







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Practice Delivering the Speech

- How many times?
- How?