

Demonstration Videos

Discussion Guide



1. Show the example of a poor demonstration (Video #1)
2. Talk about the things that could be changed to improve the demonstration
 - a. Needed to get audience's interest early
 - b. Title seemed boring
 - c. Just read from the paper to audience
 - d. Some props/ visuals would have been nice
 - e. Presenter seemed uninterested in audience and made little eye contact

Questions?

Did the demonstration hold your attention the entire time? Why or why not?

Did the presenter accomplish their goal?

Why do we need to learn demonstration skills?

- ✓ You will give formal and informal demonstrations for the rest of your life (school, college, job, etc.)
- ✓ Teaches the importance of organizing your thoughts
- ✓ Allows you to see how being prepared makes things easier and less stressful
- ✓ Provides you the opportunity to educate or teach others about a topic
 - You might be seen as the expert on the topic!

3. Show the example of a good demonstration (Video #2)

Questions?

What things were different?

- a. Organized and orderly
- b. Captured the audience's attention in the first 15 seconds
- c. Informed the audience of your topic and what you wanted them to learn
- d. Used hand gestures and expressions to relay information
- e. Used props, equipment and visuals

What are some things you need to do when giving a demonstration?

- ✓ Make the title interesting so it grabs the audience's attention at the beginning
- ✓ Prepare props and visuals (make sure they are going to work)
- ✓ Arrive early to set up for the demonstration
- ✓ Develop the parts of your demonstration talk
 - Introduction – tell them what you are going to tell them
 - Body – Key points; tell them about the topic
 - Conclusion – tell them what you told them
- ✓ Be prepared to answer some questions from the audience

Additional Activities

Use the following club activity to explore more about preparing and delivering a high quality demonstration.

1. Demonstration Monster

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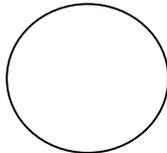
Supplies: large piece of paper, newsprint, white board, or chalk board
 Markers or chalk

Ask for a 4-H member to volunteer who can draw (or will try)!

Giving a Demonstration or a speech is easy if you remember a few main parts.

(Have your artist draw a monster's head.)

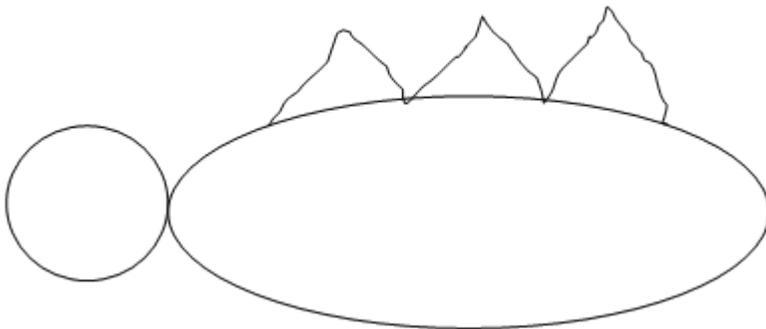
For any Speech or Demonstration we must first start with an introduction, also known as a beginning. In our introduction we are going to give a little information about the "monster" to come. Basically, we are going to "tell people what we are going to tell them" about in our speech.



(Have your artist draw a monster's body.)

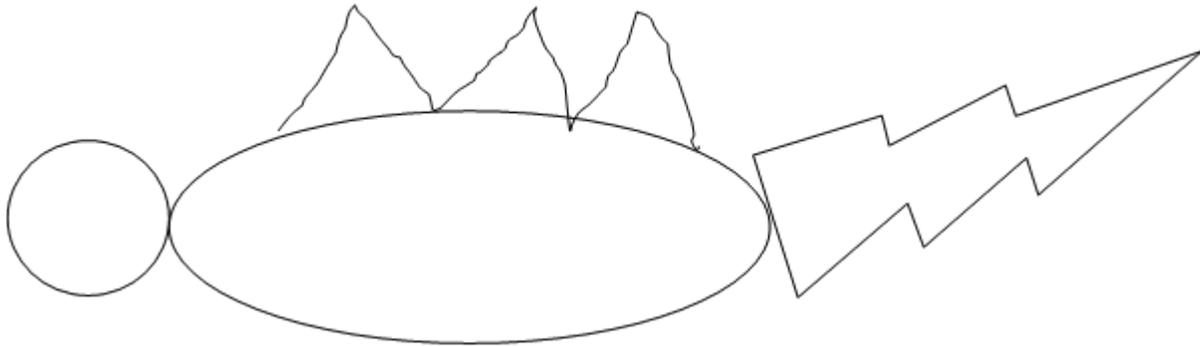
The next part of a speech/demonstration is the main part of the "body". It typically involves having 3 or 4 main points that we are going to talk about. For instance if we were demonstrating packing a suitcase for 4-H camp we might talk about; 1) Making a list; 2) Getting everything out and grouping it on our bed; and 3) Ways to organize or pack everything into our suitcase. If we were talking about how to saddle a horse, we would go through the steps to complete that task. That's our body. When we give details for each item, we add some extra parts to our monster's body.

(Have your artist add some ridges or spikes on top the body.)



(Have your artist draw a tail onto the monster.)

The final part of a speech/demonstration is the ending or the “tail”. This part includes summarizing your main points and then closing out your speech.



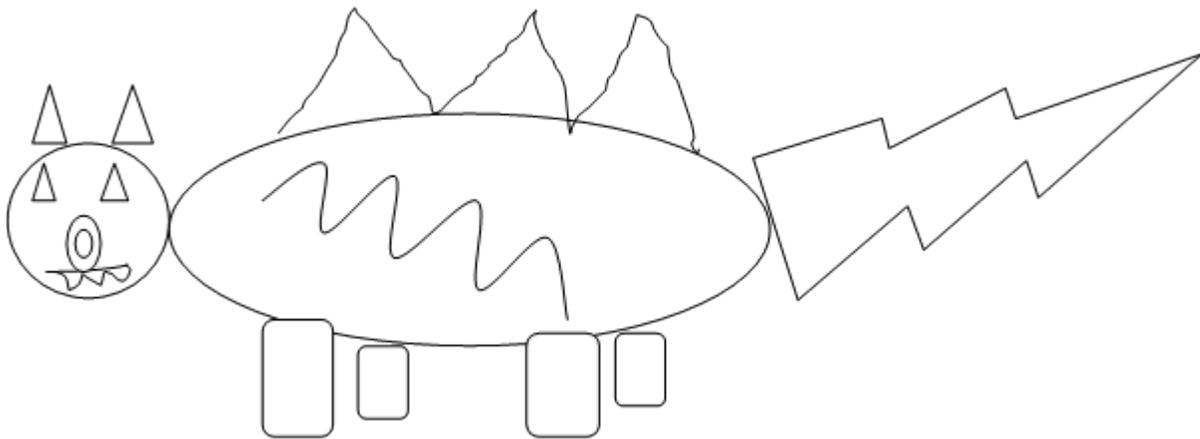
Now this monster is pretty cool, but it’s missing a few things. What would add to the monster?

(Answers might include)

- Feet and legs
- Eyes, mouth, ears
- Scales
- Etc.

All those extra things you add to your monster are the details, facts, and stories that decorate it up and make it more exciting.

So there you go. As you plan your demonstration or speech this year, just remember to build your monster, and you will be all set!



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