



PRESENT LIKE A PRO: Q&A CAFÉ™ NOTES

January 22nd, 2015 at Carrington College
Presenting Boring/Technical Topics

What an incredible evening together!

We asked the question: **“How can I energize my audience and liven up my presentation when the topic is boring or very technical?”**

After some time for introductions, our walk-about survey and meaningful conversation, groups were challenged to collaborate and come up with ways to liven up their presentations.

AND NOW FOR THE IDEAS & BRAINSTORMING RESULTS!

- + Have you heard of **Wordle**? If you look back to the top you will see an image that sums up our evening together and that’s a Wordle! Go to www.wordle.net/create to try it out.
- + Have you ever wanted to use a word search to jazz things up but dreaded the creation process? Try **Puzzlemaker**! Go to www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker
- + Try this hack- \$1 macro lens trick! Use super close up photos in your presentations to increase excitement about your topic. Let’s face it, the **cool-factor** will go way up. http://pimaregionalsupport.org/Resources/Documents/Laser_Pointer_Macro_Lens_Hack.pdf
- + Visit www.bowperson.com to turn your **passive listeners** into active learners with free slide presentations, articles, book excerpts, and more.
- + Use movie, video or audio clips in your presentations. (and yes...check copyright laws)
- + Write a **Haiku** for your topic. Then challenge your audience to do the same. Make it a contest! Think seven, five, seven....GO!
- + Use **GAMES** like Pictionary, Jeopardy, Charades, Vocab word sort, Roleplaying and even Hangboochardictionary! (Yes, it’s real! Just ask Cheryl)
- + Send participants on a photo, information or items **scavenger hunt**.
- + After reading an informative article have groups write an **abstract story** using what they learned and present it to the class.
- + Students must **find the match**! Hand out vocab words (one word each) to half of your group and to the other half you give the definitions.
- + Strategies for using **emerging technologies**: www.teachingwithoutwalls.com
- + Here are a few **books** to help you liven things up! ‘[The Ten-Minute Trainer](#)’ & ‘How to Make Presentations that Teach & Transform’.

We can only imagine what our next meeting will bring!
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