

## Converting an Essay into an Oral Presentation

<b>Begin Well</b>	<p>Since your audience will be relying on <i>listening</i> comprehension and not reading comprehension, it is important that your words are clear and organized. <b>Study</b> the following tips for your introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce yourself.</li> <li>• Clearly state your thesis.</li> <li>• Explain what you are about to share by giving a brief overview, such as “First I will show how (blank) is related to (blank) and then move on to (blank) and will conclude with (blank).”</li> </ul>
<b>Use Quotes</b>	<p>A minimum of two research sources were used in your persuasive essay. You may use these in your presentation by introducing them. You might say, “Professor Johnson from ABC University states ...” or “According to statistics found on 123.com ...” Using these sources will help persuade your audience toward accepting your thesis.</p>
<b>Use Visual Aids</b>	<p>Whether you speak using notes or read from your essay, adding a visual element to your presentation can make it more understandable and memorable. You may have consulted charts, graphs, photos, Bible verses, etc., while writing your essay. If you can print them or arrange them in a slide show, you can easily incorporate them into your presentation. You may even have an object to present. With our example of cube solving, a cube could be a visual aid. Be creative and think of appropriate and meaningful visual aids that would help get your point across.</p>
<b>Conclude Strong</b>	<p>A strong conclusion will help wrap up your presentation. Never say, “Well, I guess that’s all I have.” You want to make a great final impression. Instead, remind your audience how you came to your conclusion and why your thesis is valid. Show a level of excitement about your findings. You may offer time for your audience to ask questions about your topic.</p>
<b>Practice!</b>	<p>Whether you plan to use notes or read directly from your essay, you will need to create a plan. You need to decide on things such as visual aids, what quotes to use, and exactly what content you will be sharing. On a separate sheet of paper, make your plan using the form of an outline, and make sure you cover all the points mentioned in this lesson. After creating your plan, practice making your presentation by yourself and then in front of your instructor. The more you practice, the more comfortable you will be!</p>