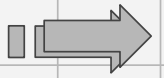
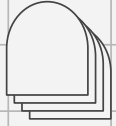


Three Minute Thesis Workshop



December 5th, 2023
School of Graduate Studies



A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description; the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).

This can be a very useful tool to convey meaning or tone quickly and easily.

No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted. No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.

Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.

You will be able to see a countdown timer of your time as you speak.

Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).

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(These aren't meant to be hit in order; they can be sprinkled throughout the presentation wherever it makes sense to include them.)

Presentation provided clear background and significance to the research question

You've shown the audience enough context for your research for them to understand a) what you are doing and b) why what you're doing is important.

Presentation clearly described the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research

You've shown the audience how you got your results and what those results were.

Presentation clearly described the conclusions, outcomes and impact of the research

You've shown the audience what conclusions you drew from your results and what those results and conclusions mean for the world.

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(These should be present throughout the entire presentation.)

The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience

You've spoken clearly and slowly, and explained your work in a way that anyone could understand it, not just your peers.

The PowerPoint slide was well-defined and enhanced the presentation

Your slide tied in to your presentation clearly, supported the points that you were making, and was clean looking.

The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention

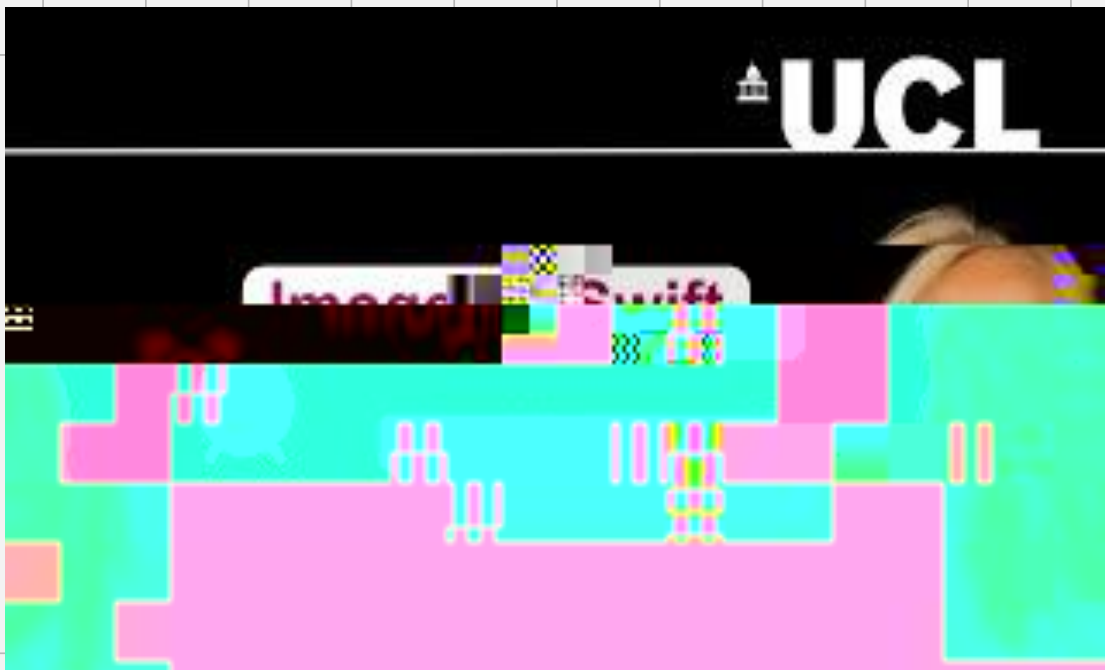
Your tone was engaging (excited, serious, etc.) and you were able to inspire that feeling in the audience and keep them interested the whole time.

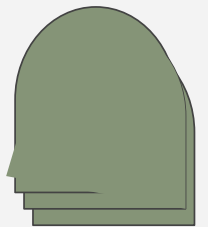
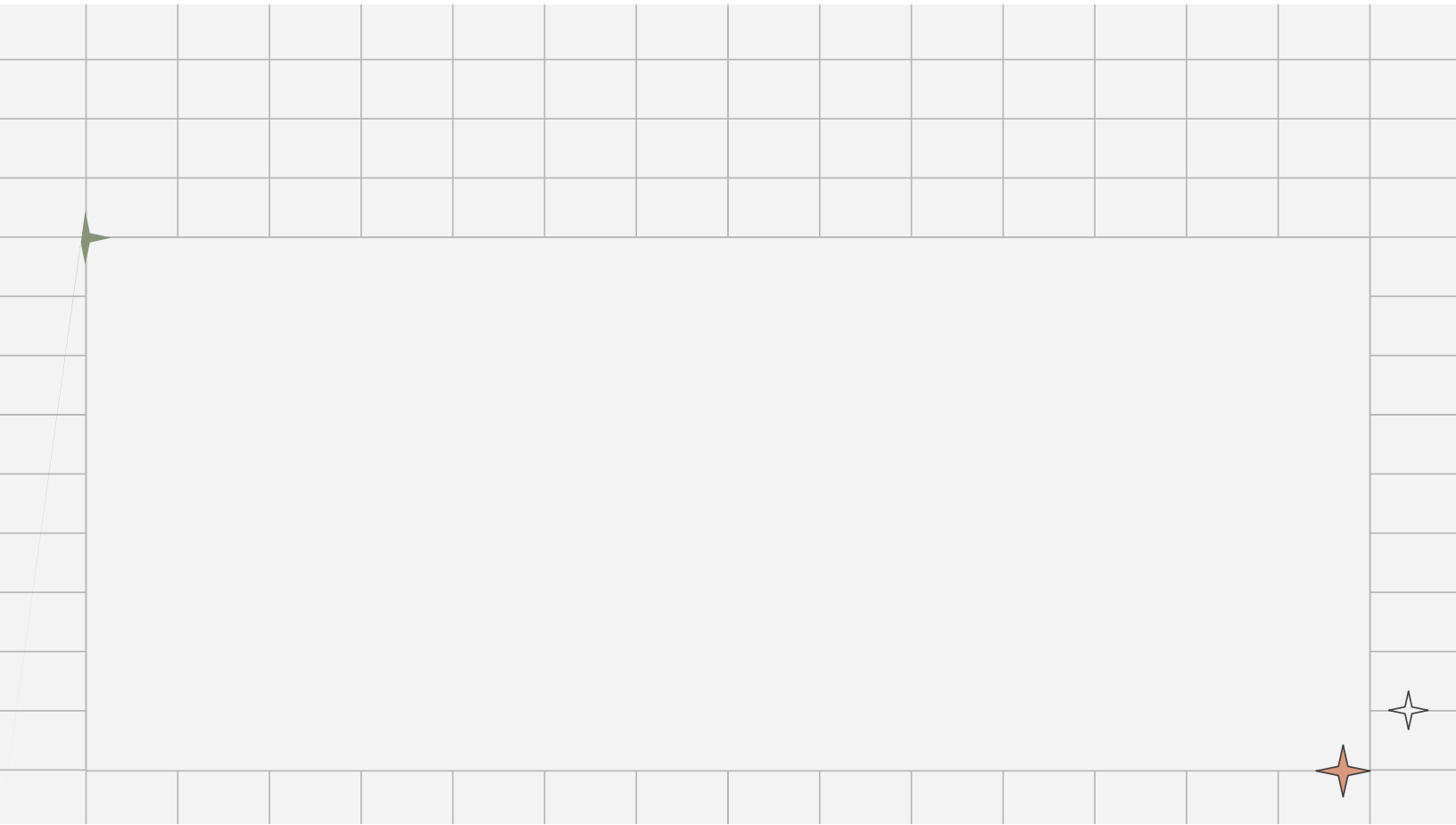
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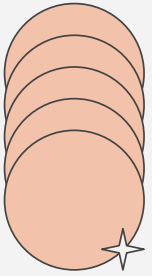
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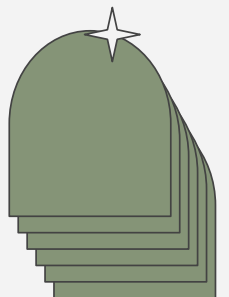






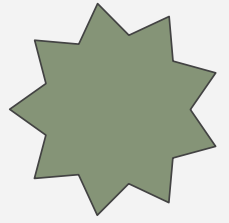
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The best 3MT speeches tend to be structured like stories. Some of them have a beginning, middle, and end. Some of them use a more familiar extended metaphor to make a complicated concept clear to a layman audience. Some of them ask the audience to imagine themselves in a future where the results of your research have made positive changes to the world. You are, in the end, a storyteller during this speech, and it will be up to you to lead the audience along through the work you've done in a way that keeps them engaged.

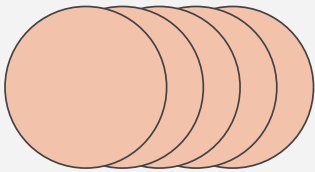




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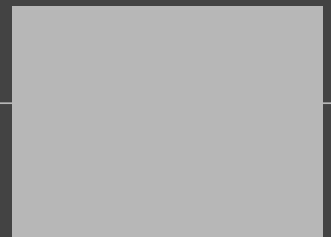
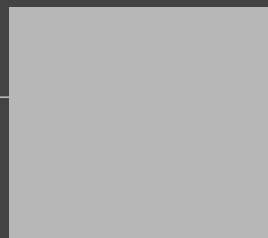
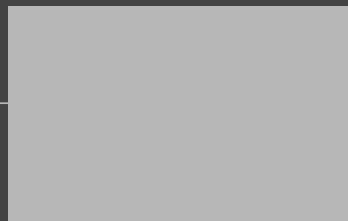
The slide is meant to complement your speech, not stand in for it. The best slides for 3MT speeches are simple images that evoke something important for the audience, or simple data visualizations that make much clearer something that might be difficult to describe with words alone. Don't lean on the slide as a crutch; very often, winning slides only act as a backdrop for the winner's presentation, not as an integral piece of it.



Delivery Tips

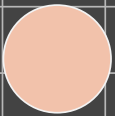
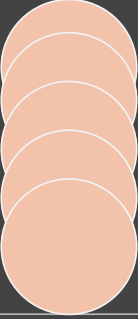
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Take Breaths and Speak Slowly

Make sure that you are not breathless when you speak. Take a breath before you start, and do not let yourself get out of breath as you continue. You also want to speak more slowly than you think. Your nerves will make you speed up automatically, most likely without noticing it; making yourself go about 30% slower than you would normally will help to combat that unconscious speed change.



Practice, Practice, Practice

Practice early and often. Give your presentation alone to yourself, in front of the mirror, and in front of friends and family. Start with cue cards, and then slowly work up to not needing to use them anymore. Record yourself to see where you speed up, where you stumble over your words, and where you might need to make changes in order to make your delivery easier to remember or say





QUESTIONS?



Drafting
Group
Breakout
Session

Please ask questions of the staff in order to help you with your draft!



