

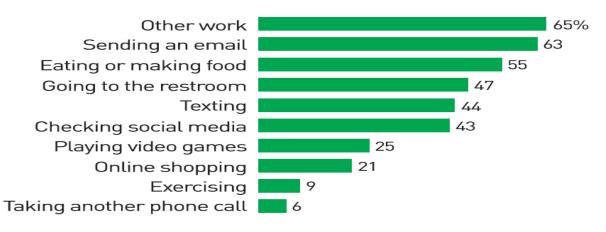
# ENGAGING and INFLUENCING LISTENERS

Communicating Your Message with Impact

99%

## of people multitask in virtual meetings

#### WHAT ELSE ARE EMPLOYEES DOING DURING A CONFERENCE CALL?



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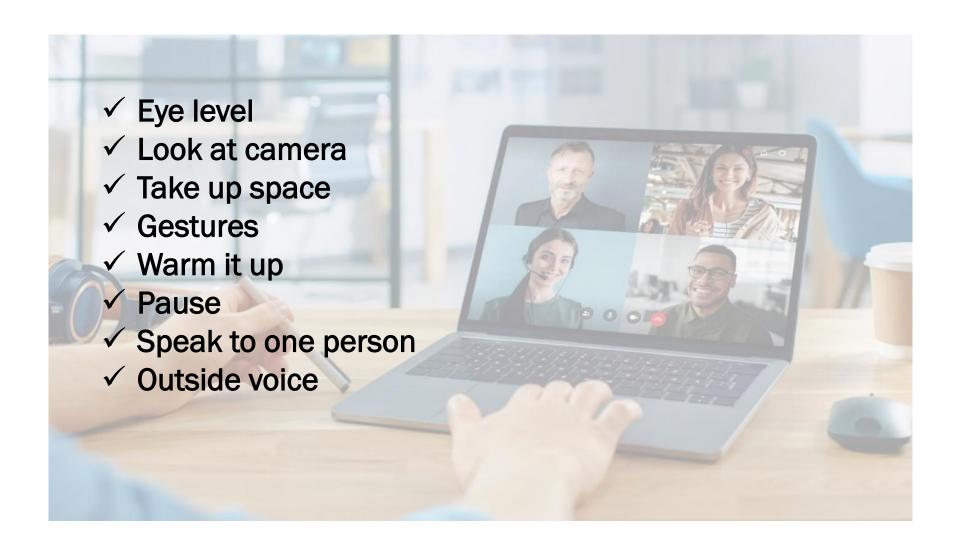




Engaging **Efficient** Easy to Understand

## Engaging

## **VIRTUAL TIPS**





#### THINK THEME

If the fire alarm went off and your audience could only hear one



## YOUR TURN



## **DON'T BURY THE LEAD**





## **OPENING REMARKS**

- Problem/issue/challenge
- Story/anecdote
- Example
- Powerful ###
- Strong statement
- Rhetorical question
- Cite research/context



## Efficient

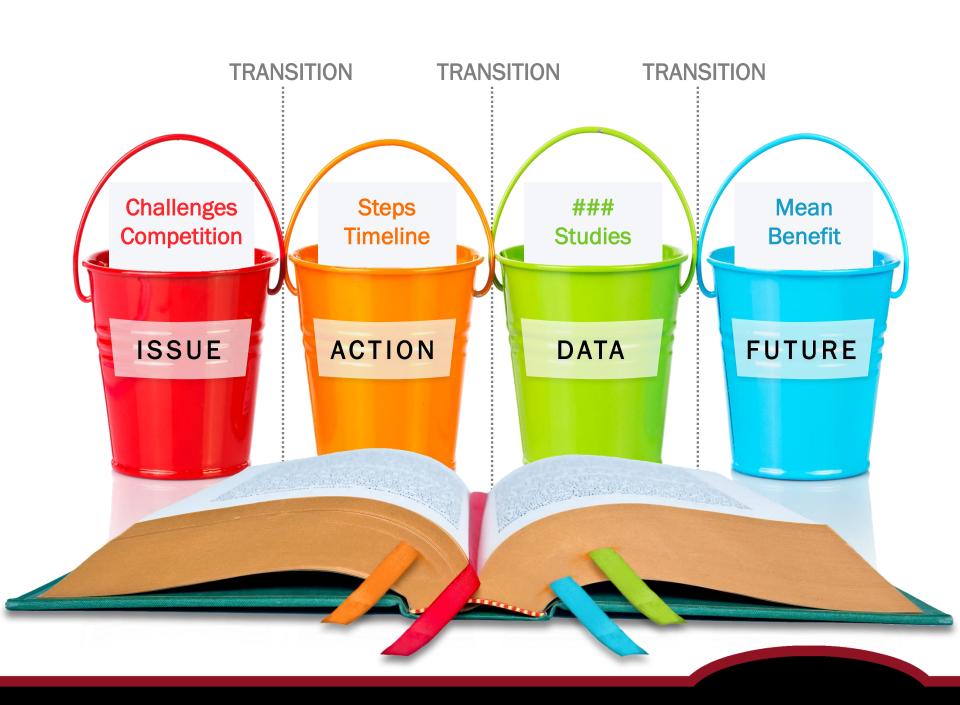






#### What People Remember after a 10 minute Presentation





#### **TRANSITIONS**

- "We've talked about Point A. Now let's think about Point B."
- "Based on what you've just heard, you might think that X is true. But it's not. In fact, Y may be your best option and here's why."
- "Now that we understand the potential market, let's take a look at time lines."
- "Shifting gears, let's move on to..."

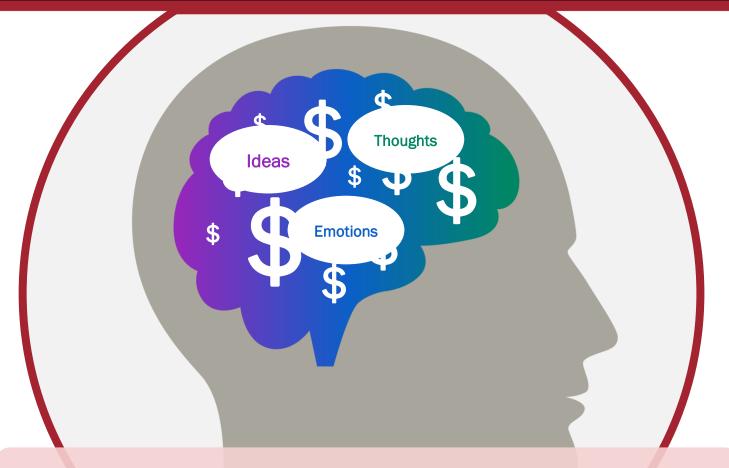




## **USE STICKIES Examples Analogies Stories Third party**

# Easy to Understand

## Telling a story



Research shows people are more likely to donate to a cause after hearing an impactful story



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#### **YOUR TURN**



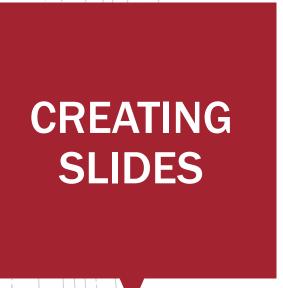
## **CLOSING REMARKS**



#### **ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS**

**Circle back Call to action Closing story Repeat key points Glimpse of future Rhetorical question Summary Strong statement Promise or pledge** 

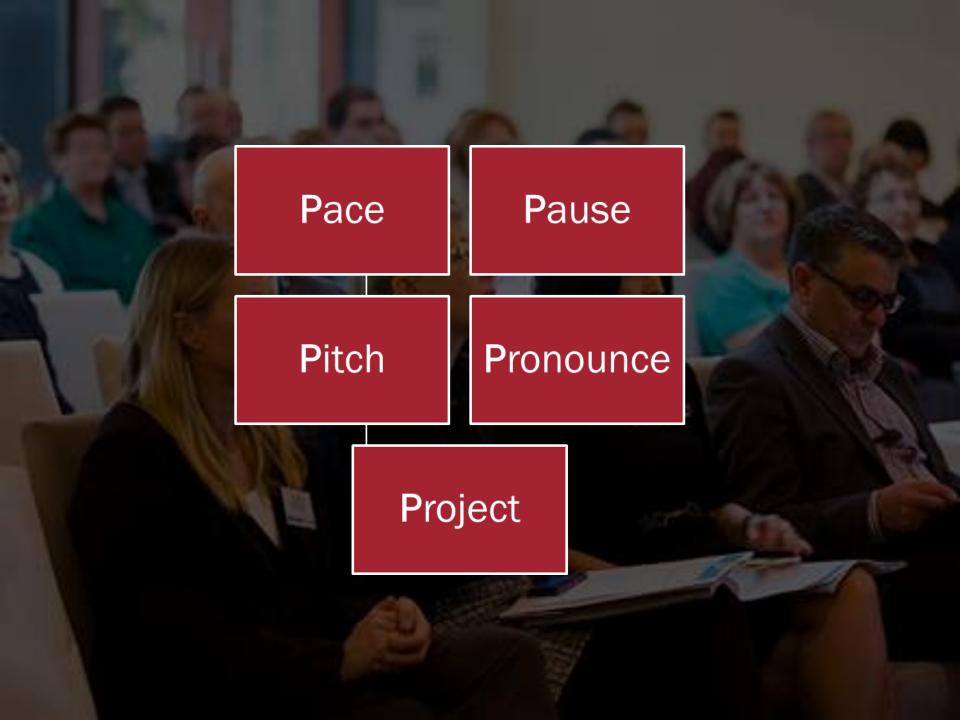




- Create content first
- What's the story?
- Title: Headline BIG idea
- 3-5 key points
- Minimize words/maximize pictures
- 2 sets of slides
- Provide details in handout
- Large font/white space
- Slide follow you



- Most important point first
- 2-3 key supporting points
- Talk, don't read
- Be a director
- Be an editor
- Practice with/without
- Out loud
- Keep eyes on audience
- Record yourself



### SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS

What am I trying to communicate

This is what you need to know

2-3 key points

Mean to them? So What? Care?

Actions to take

### **Don't Know Answer**



I don't have enough information to answer your question



Based on what we know today



I don't have the data on hand but will get it to you

Repeat, paraphrase, clarify

## **Unclear Comments**



Ask person to give an example



Share data or facts



Restate to verify what person is saying

Can you elaborate

## **Person Who Talks Too Much**



Reframe comments and direct question to the group



Tell person opinion is valued, want to hear from others as well

## INTERRUPTER/OFF TRACK



Listen. Do not react.



Summarize points to let them know they've been heard



Ask how their point relates to subject at hand



Say need to move on and can discuss after meeting



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