

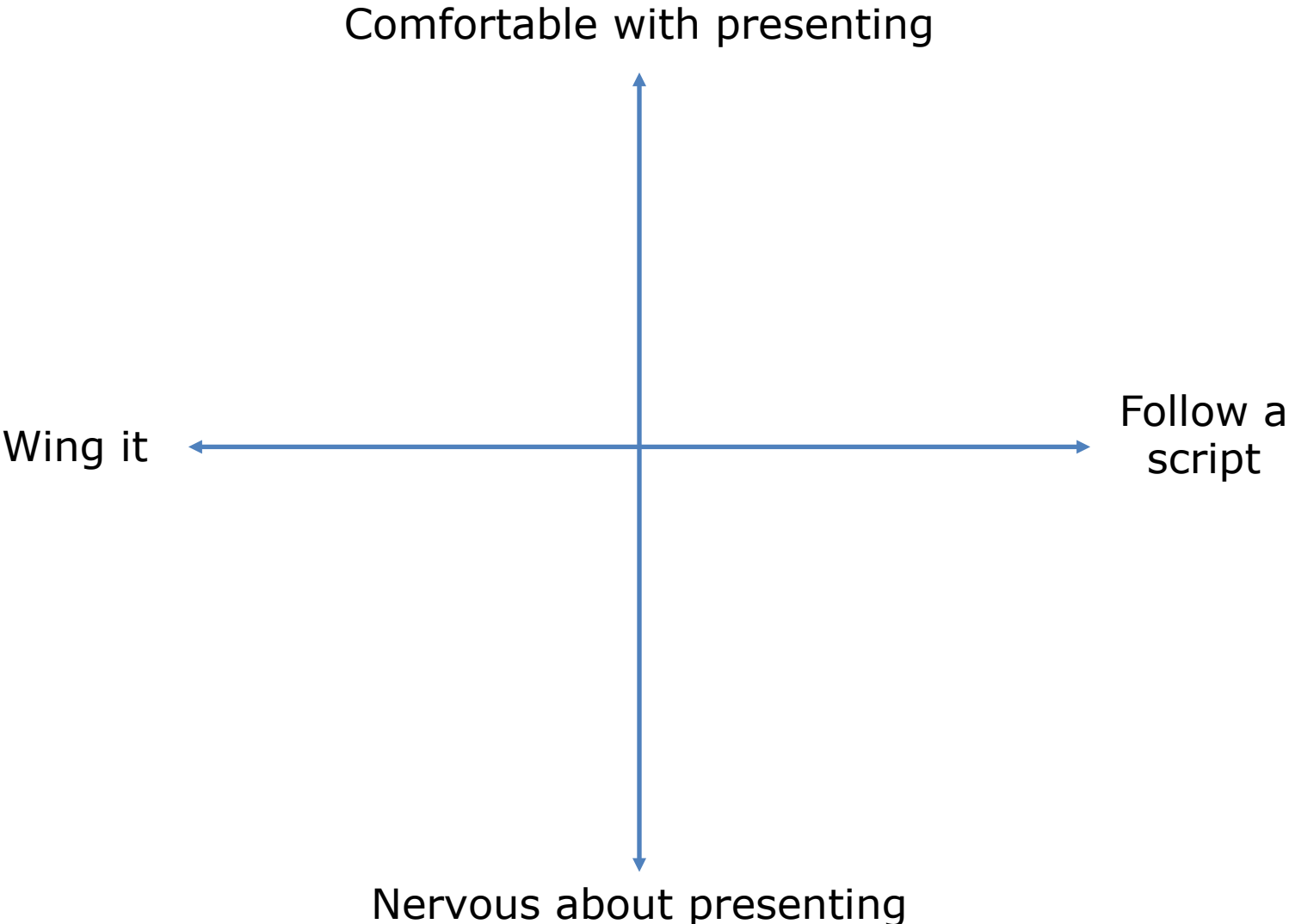
Presenting research at seminars, events and conferences





Please help us answering a
survey

Kia ora and welcome everyone! This session will start shortly. While we wait, let us know where you fit in this graph!



Think about a presentation or lecture you have attended.

What do you remember about it? Why?

Whiteboard activity: Your strategies



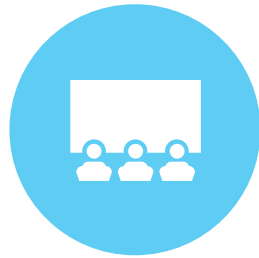
Plan

Practice

Prepare

Present

Planning your presentation



WHERE ARE YOU
PRESENTING?



WHAT'S THE PURPOSE
OF YOUR
PRESENTATION?



WHO IS GOING TO BE
THERE?



WHAT DO THEY ALREADY
KNOW?



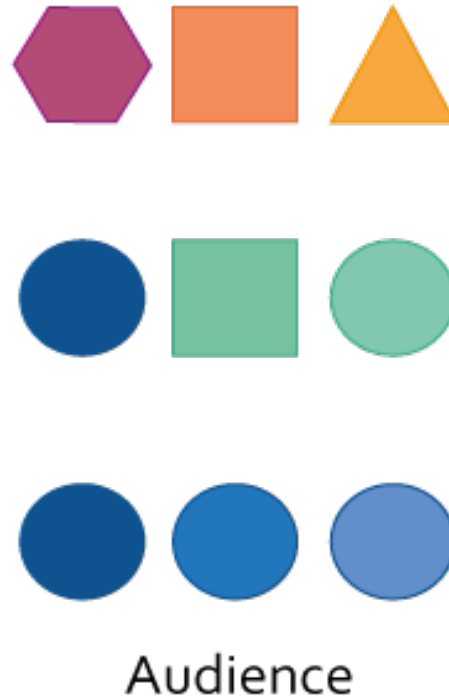
WHY DO THEY CARE?



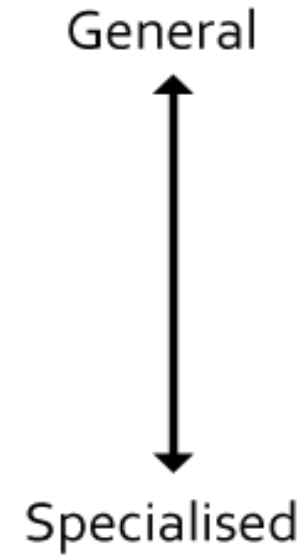
WHAT'S YOUR KEY
MESSAGE?

Audience


Candidate

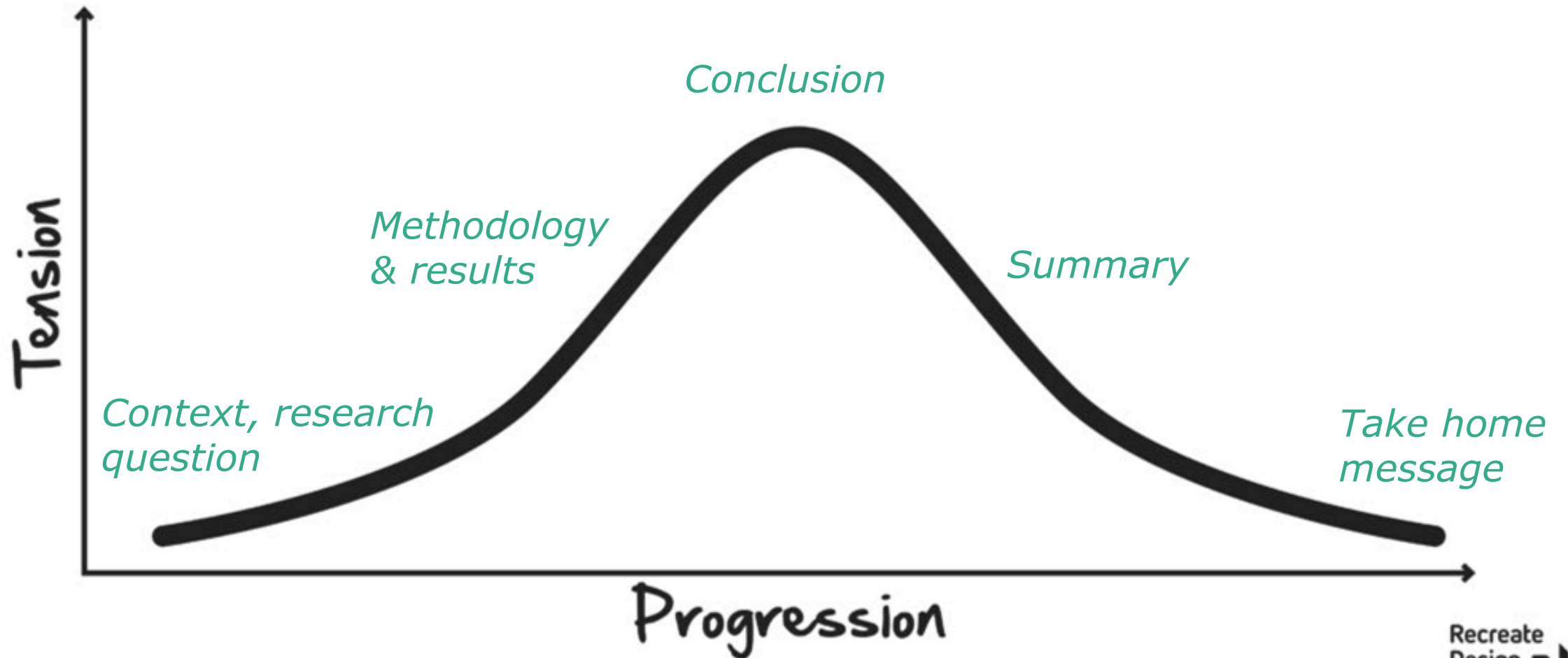


Making hydrogen fuel for green energy



Platinum nanoparticles electrodeposited on conducting polymer scaffolds

Structure follows a narrative arc



Structuring your presentation



Beginning

Hook – grab their attention
Explain the context - set the scene
Describe the specific problem
Outline how you will solve/have solved the problem



Middle

Discuss the main points of your research - aim for 3-5 key objectives or findings
Focus on the details that your audience will be interested in



End

Summarise the presentation
Deliver your take home message
Lead the audience to the next steps

Discussion and questions



Delivering an engaging presentation



Keeping your audience engaged

How can you keep people interested in your presentation?

How do you know your audience is engaged?

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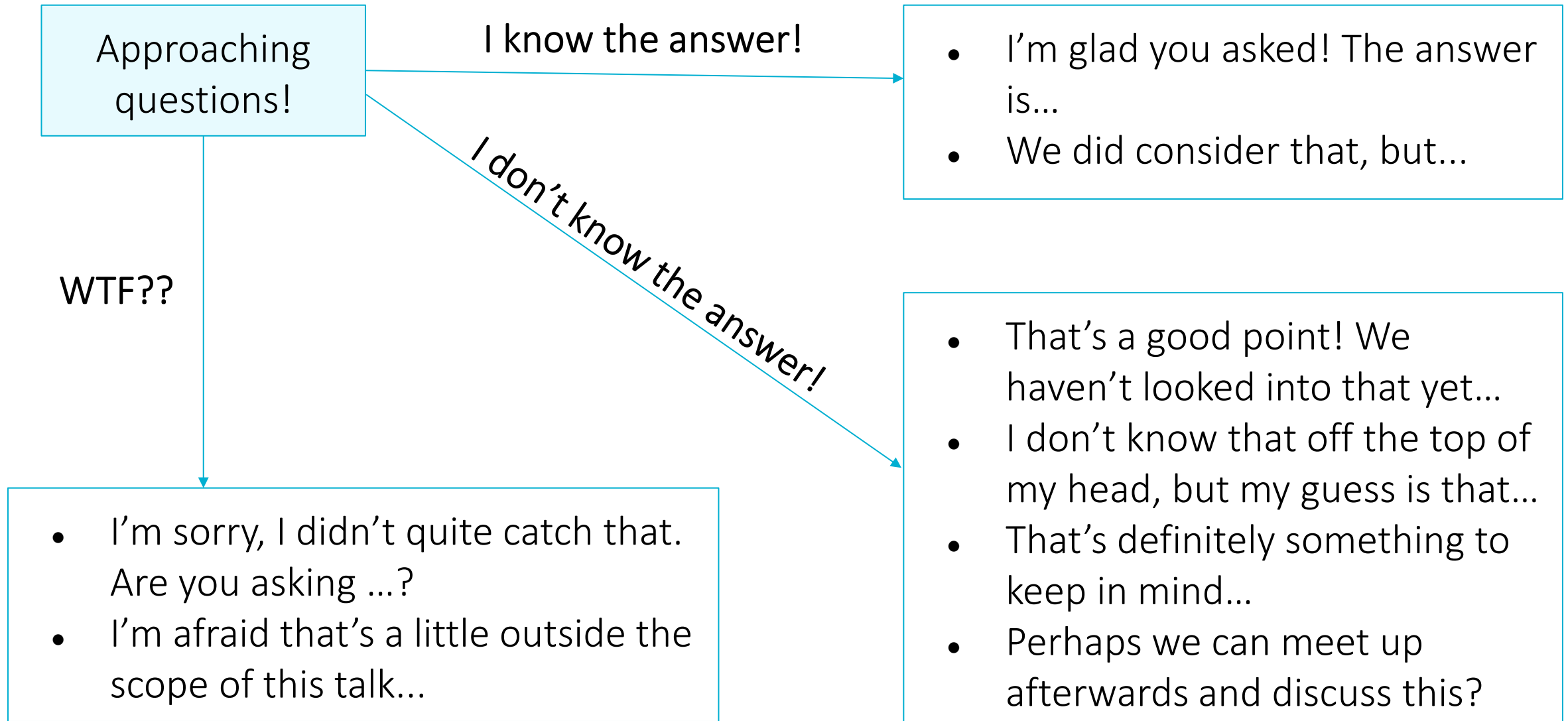


What did Cam do well?

Answering questions



Answering questions



Dealing with nerves

1. Practise, practise, practise
2. Get there early
3. Exposure e.g. teaching, join the theatre.
4. Breathe and pause
5. Your audience is on your side - look for friendly faces :)
6. Smile!





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Your research presentation

Drafting your research presentation

Jot down answers to these questions:

What is your hook?

What background information does your audience need to know?

What question or knowledge gap are you trying to answer?

What have you found? What do you hope to find?

Take-away message - what's the one thing you want people to remember?

Your presentation

Your (long) elevator pitch:

- Present your research topic to a peer in a breakout room.
- 3 minutes to present, followed by 2 minutes for constructive feedback

Constructive feedback:

- What they did well
- What could make it better?

Discussion and questions



Let's Talk!

Language learning groups

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Video resources

Duarte, N. (2011, November). *The secret structure of great talks* [video]. TED Conferences. https://www.ted.com/talks/nancy_duarte_the_secret_structure_of_great_talks?language=en

TEDx. (2017, June 15). *Nat Kendall-Taylor: How words change minds* [video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8wol2nGSpY>

TEDx. (2018, March 18). *Will Storr: The Science of storytelling* [video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2CVIGuRg4E>

TEDx. (2020, April 14). *Karen Eber: Why storytelling is more trustworthy than presenting data* [video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez5yS4Q5ASA>



Online/printed resources

Books

- [Resonate](#) [ebook] and [Data Story](#) by Nancy Duarte
- [Beyond Bullet Points](#) by Cliff Atkinson

Tips for Making Beautiful PowerPoint Presentations

<https://www.shutterstock.com/blog/tips-on-how-to-make-effective-beautiful-powerpoint-presentations>

Postgraduate Research Skills module

<https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/69130/pages/communicating>

ELE (English language Enrichment)

<https://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/services/student-learning/ele>

Using Te Reo Māori – common phrases and pepeha

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/engineering/about-the-faculty/matauranga-maori/te-reo.html>

Places to get feedback/experience

Practice with friends/colleagues

[Let's Talk!](#) English Language Enrichment sessions

University events

- [School of Graduate Studies Research Showcase](#)
- [Three Minute Thesis competition \(3MT\)](#)
- Faculty seminars and competitions

Teaching and outreach events

Toastmasters

- [Ingenio Toastmasters](#)
- [BizTalk Toastmasters](#)
- [Varsity Toastmasters](#)

Social clubs

- e.g. debate teams, improv theatre, roleplaying games...

Free images for your slides

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<https://unsplash.com/>

Pixabay

<https://pixabay.com/en/>

Pexels

<https://www.pexels.com/>

Britannica ImageQuest (access through
the Libraries and Learning Services
website)

<https://quest-eb-com.ezproxy.auckland.ac.nz/>

Noun Project

<https://thenounproject.com/>

Thank you!