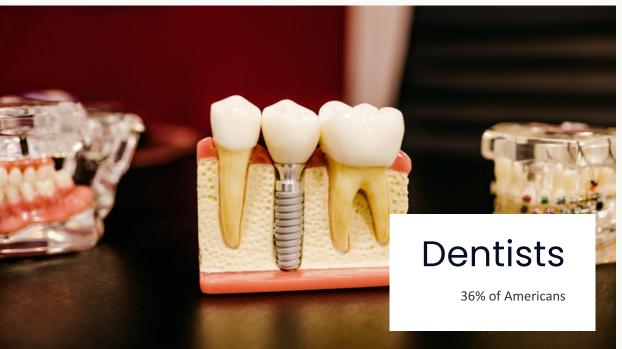


# Telling Your Story: Communicating for Impact

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#### Zombies

8.5% of Americans



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Engagement

When your audience is engaged, they can envision ways the world might be different based on what you share.

"A fact is like a sack - it won't stand up if it's empty. To make it stand up, first you have to put in it all the resources and feelings that caused it in the first place."

**LUIGI PIRANDELLO** 

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#### Why are you talking in the first place?



#### Know the ONE THING

What is one point or idea that you want your audience to carry with them after you've concluded? What do you want them to re-think or better understand when you finish speaking?

Identify one main idea that you want your audience to walk away with at the end of your presentation



What do you want your listeners to feel?

## Know (and care about) Your Audience



Why did they show up?

Why did your audience take their time to show up?



Respect

Respect their time and their life experience. Don't talk talk down to your audience!

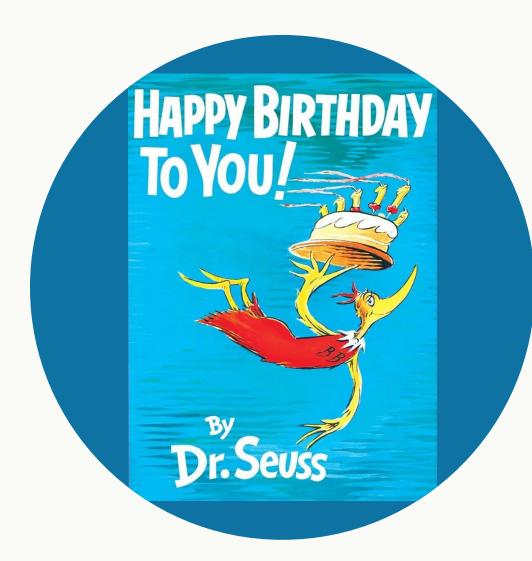


Through your words, stories, and actions, make a connection connection with your audience.

We cannot change the mind or opinion of anyone in the audience. Our goal should be to create curiosity, create interest, and get people thinking!

Authenticity

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Today you are You, that is truer than true.

There is no one alive who is youer than
you!

Theodore Geisel (Dr Seuss)

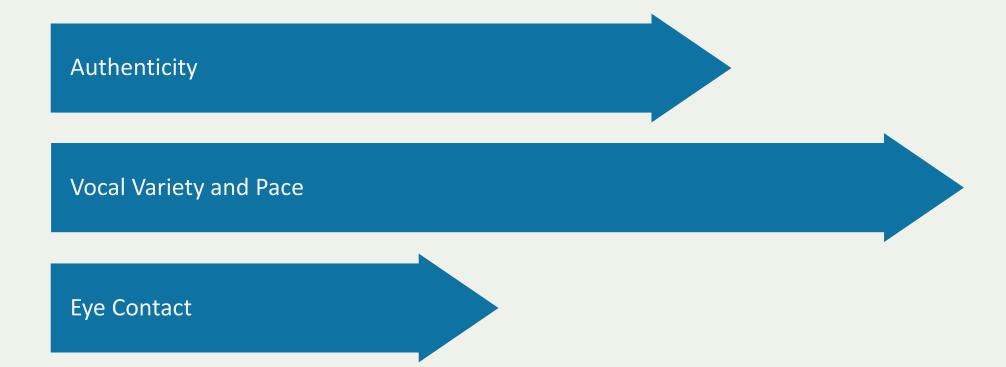
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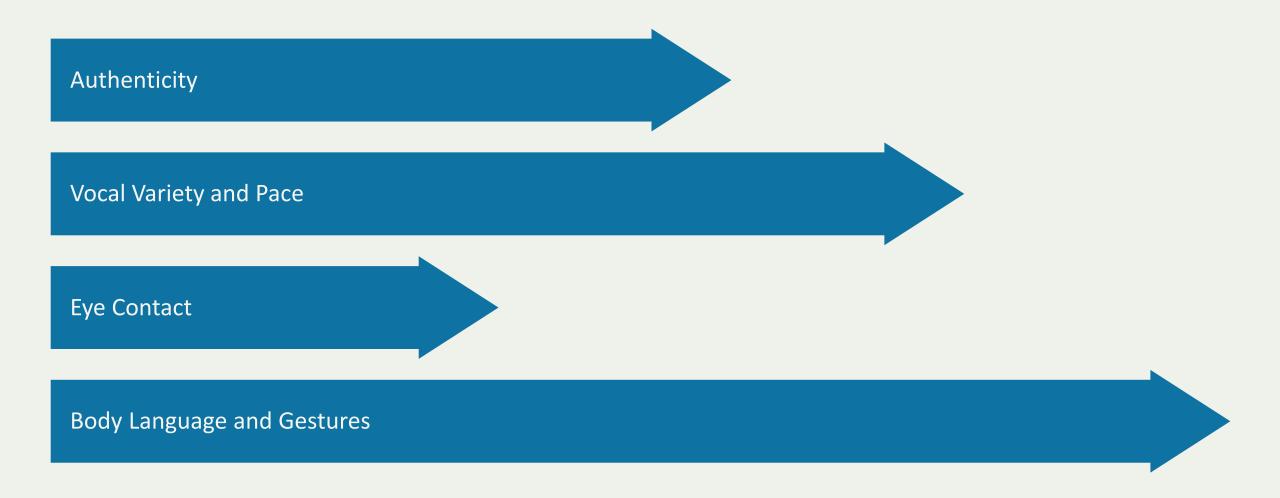
### **Vocal Variety**



Keep the attention of your audience by managing cadence, pace, tone and excitement in your voice.









Authenticity Vocal Variety and Pace **Eye Contact Body Language and Gestures** Watch for Bumps and Land the Plane!



## Types of Story\*

- Who am I?
- Why am I here?
- The Vision
- Values-in-action



<sup>\*</sup>Remember, stories aren't facts! Stories can do what facts cannot!

#### Crafting Your Story

#### Understand Your Audience

#### Craft a Compelling Narrative

#### Incorporate Vivid Details

#### Highlight the Significance

#### Practice and Refine

Identify your target audience and their needs, interests, and pain points to tailor your story accordingly. Develop a clear, structured, and emotionally engaging narrative that captures your audience's attention and effectively conveys your message.

Use descriptive language, sensory details, and relatable examples to bring your story to life and make it more memorable.

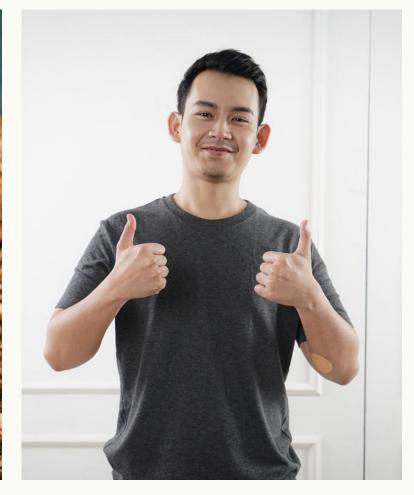
Emphasize the relevance and and importance of your story, story, demonstrating how it it connects to your audience's audience's experiences and and resonates with them.

Rehearse your story, seek feedback, and continuously refine it to ensure a polished and impactful delivery.

## How do we improve?







Practice! Listen! Find Feedback



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