

Poster Presentations Video Handout.

The Poster Presentation Video explains what a poster presentation is and how to make a poster presentation. This outline has the information for the video. After you watch the video, you will understand how to make a poster presentation. Of course, you will probably have lots of questions about the details. Your teacher can help you with these.

There are ten chapters in the video:

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Chapter 1: What is a poster presentation?

In a poster presentation the presenter uses a poster to give a presentation to the audience.

A poster presentation is different than a regular presentation. The chart below shows you the differences.

Poster Presentation	Regular Presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the presenter uses a poster• many speakers in front of small audiences• the audience walks around• like a conversation• easy• more enjoyable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the presenter uses PowerPoint or slides• one speaker in front of a large audience• the audience stays in one place• like a speech• difficult• not as enjoyable

Chapter 2: Example of a poster presentation

This is a short example of a poster presentation. In this example you can see the poster and the presentation style.

The presenter, Naomi, talks about two NGOs that work in Cambodia. The NGOs are “Heifer International” and “Habitat for Humanity.”

The audience members ask two questions “What is a heifer?” and “What are these animals?” The presenter answers their questions.

Chapter 3: How to do a poster presentation

This chapter shows how to do a poster presentation.

There are five steps for doing a poster presentation:

1. plan your presentation
2. do the research
3. write your presentation
4. make your poster
5. giving the presentation.

Chapter 4: Planning your presentation

This chapter talks about choosing your topic. Here are the key points for choosing a good topic:

1. Choose a topic that you are interested in
2. Talk to your friends and teachers about your topic to get more ideas
3. Choose a specific topic, not a big topic
 - a. for example, recycling is too big for a poster presentation. Recycling PET bottles is a better choice, because it is more specific

Chapter 5: Doing your research

This chapter explains how to do the research. There are two parts to this chapter, “finding your information,” and “sources.”

Research Part 1: finding information

You can find information about your topic in several different ways:

1. on the internet
2. in books, magazines, and newspapers
3. through interviews

Research Part 2: sources

Your sources are the places where you get your information. When you’re researching, try to find as many sources as possible.

You must show which sources you use for your presentation. This is called “citing your sources.” For example, if you use Wikipedia to learn about recycling PET bottles, you need to show that your information came from Wikipedia.

For each source, you should write down this information:

1. the title
2. who wrote it
3. when they wrote it
4. where you found it
5. and when you found it

Chapter 6: Writing your presentation

This chapter shows you what you need to write and how to write it. There are four things you have to write for your presentation:

1. the presentation (the longest part)
2. your list of sources
3. your notes (you will use this during the presentation)
4. the poster parts. (the written parts of the poster and things like charts and graphs)

KEY POINT: Write in your own words

When you write your presentation, it’s important to write in your own words. That means don’t copy the information that you find. To write in your own words, you need to do these things:

1. read the information
2. think about the information
3. rewrite it in your own words
4. add your own ideas and opinions

Remember to use easy English when you write your presentation. You and your audience should be able to understand most of the words that you use.

Chapter 7: Making your poster

This chapter shows how to put the poster parts together.

Your poster is actually a collection of small posters. You will print out the parts of your poster, then on the day of your presentation, you will make the poster. To make the poster, you'll need colored paper, scissors, thumbtacks and glue.

Here are the steps to making the poster:

1. print out all of your pictures, titles, graphs, and text
2. cut everything to the right size
3. glue your print outs to colored paper to create a border
4. Use the thumbtacks to put the pieces on the bulletin board

KEY POINT: Make it visual

Your poster is visual. That means it is something to look at. So use lots of pictures and charts and only a little text. Use big lettering for your titles and text. The text needs to be large enough for your audience to read it easily.

Chapter 8: Giving your presentation

This chapter gives some tips for making a good poster presentation.

Giving the poster presentation is easy. Here is what you do:

1. stand next to your poster
2. look at your audience
3. talk to them
4. use your notes if you forget something
5. don't read your poster
6. smile and have fun!

Chapter 9: Conclusion

In this video you've learned what a poster presentation is and how to do a poster presentation. Hopefully you now understand what a poster presentation is and how to make one.

Chapter 10: Example presentation

This part of the video shows an example presentation. Notice how the presenter looks at her audience, speaks clearly, and uses her notes. She also points to the pictures on her poster, and use a lot of gestures. Also notice how she lets the audience members ask questions.

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Suggested Topics

This is not intended as an exhaustive list but merely to help students who cannot think of a topic. Some of these topics are broad and open to subdivision – for example, there could be presentations on Fairtrade chocolate, Fairtrade coffee etc. ‘Tourism’ might be about eco-tourism or recent trends in vacationing.

- Aging populations
- Alternative energies
- Different voting systems
- Animal rights
- Conflict resolution
- Cultural differences
- Changing cultures/modern technology
- Environmental issues
- Climate change and Global Warming
- Fairtrade (chocolate/coffee etc)
- Changing social culture/work patterns
- Global business/international careers
- Global disasters/disaster response
- Global heroes
- Health/disease
- Illiteracy
- NGOs
- Nuclear weapons
- Population growth/decrease
- Poverty reduction
- Tourism
- Water
- Women’s rights
- World English