



# **Oral Storytelling to Improve Presentation Skills**

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# Why learn to tell stories?

- Public speaking /presentation skills
- Develops pitching skills
- Develops confidence
- Promotes engagement with audience / students
- For parenting skills!
- Provides practice in not relying on notes



**What makes for the good telling  
of a story?**



# Some styles of oral storytelling

- Let the story flow through the teller
- The story involves the teller in movement
- The teller's movement is part of the communication
- Music / dance are involved....



# Parts of a story

- Introduction (setting)
- The initial situation
- A problem has to be solved
- There are obstacles but also 'helpers' towards a solution
- There are often attempts to succeed but often a hitch!
- Success
- And resolution



# Presentation matters

- Engage senses – sight, sound, smell, kinaesthetics, touch, taste...
- Eye contact
- Pause/ silence is powerful
- Vary presentation – loud/quiet, move back/forward, vary pace
- Try to get a laugh (assides...?)
- Props?
- Large audiences, work at getting attention



# Selecting stories....

- Stories that work or don't work...
- Finding stories....





# How to learn a story

- Some ideas
- Beginnings
- Endings
- Forgetting something....



# Keeping a record of stories