

Better Spoken English
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Feedback on Student Presentations IV

Good morning.

Good morning sir.

Are you all right

Tomorrow we will have a last class and as I told you yesterday some of us, if you like you can have some something on you are own, some different kind of presentation, may be few people not too many and then we will wind up course. In the four cycle representation which we completed just now, the representation by Manoj has given me lot of satisfaction, many people spoke very well in nearly always, you were slow, you have something to say, many of you appeared to be quite comfortable, not nervous or tense.

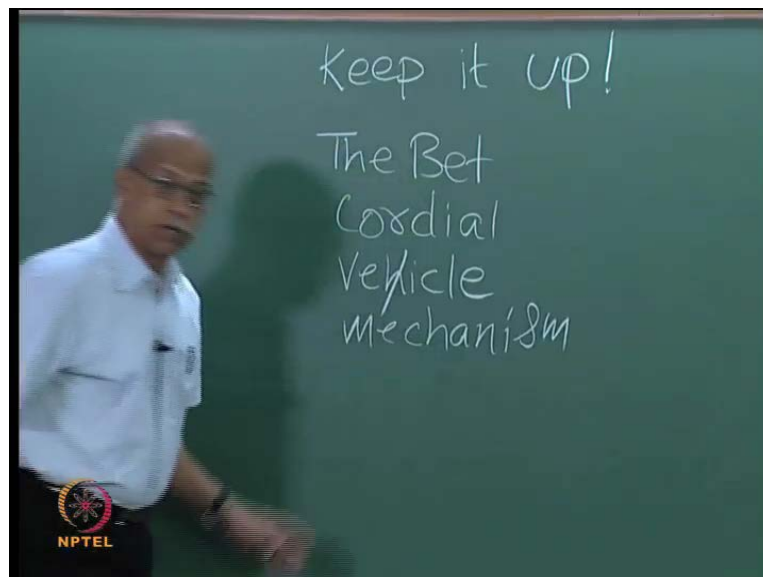
Your slides were well done mostly, I am not say entirely are all of it, I am also not saying you have nothing more to learn, do you understand me, learning is a continuous process and the perfection if the only goal, we must continue to learn, we must strive to be the best and you are best, only if you are good in all respects. If you are good in math's, but not in mathematics, but not in physics, are not in chemistry or not in the languages, then you know you are only part liquid, you cannot be called perfect you know.

So, the feedback that I am going to give you on the cycle yesterday should be taken seriously, but not too seriously, these are areas where we need to pay attention, as I have been telling you, for want of time I am not been able to look through all the 37 or 38 presentation we have had I have. So, for look at only about 15 and therefore, I have selected examples, from only these 15, that definitely does not mean that, others are

perfect or these peoples are only in imperfect people, do you understand me do understand me right.

So, take it like that may be if I am able to watch the remaining presentations this afternoon, I have some more examples from them tomorrow, but the message once again is I have, if you have think you have learnt something and if you think it has help to you become better is speaker, that the decision you have to take, I cannot decide that for you if you feel more confident, if you feel learnt something then keep it up, then my last lesson to you you have only these three words.

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How do you pronounce it?

Keep it up.

Keep it up.

Keep it up.

This this main stress kinds and this actually lot of people yes you know as found we have not had time and we cannot learn everything only inside the class room, will also have to look up the book you know whenever you have this word coming next to verb, it is you know up or of what we call preposition take stress. So, you can say set up as you can say

sit down, the possession state, stress in such combination when they come after verb not when they come after, so you say say keep up or keep it up.

So, keep it up, do not you know after the pressure off are great in, after the pressure from the course ends many people you know I find them next semester I teach them, I ask find them speak in rapidly, when ask them, what Dinesh and why this and Dinesh tells that was last semester, that course is no good thing is went for only one course, like all great to it is true that we cannot teach you everything in the same day, it is true that we cannot learn everything the same day, but whatever we have learnt is worth keeping do not return to me, keep it with you are self possibly pass it you are next generation, pass it you are friends, pass it you are family, when you have a family.

So, in that spirit take this thing an extremely unhappy with some people, who did not lesson to the others that is not good manners and believe me please believe me language is social phenomena, you can get away with bad pronunciation, you can get away with bad presentation, you can get away with stress some vocabulary in grammar, but you cannot get a way which social crudeness, do you understand am I clear to you you cannot get a way will get social crudeness.

You cannot expect others to come to you are birth day party when you do not go to your birth day party, no matter how high, how mighty you are, it will not bring you success it will not bring you happiness. Happiness comes from because you the human beings are social creatures, we are primarily social creatures, we cannot live alone; suppose I give you everything and keeping the hostel books, food, cool drinks, video of saraang everything.

And do not let you see anybody for look for 1 year, 2 years do you think you can be happy, there is a very good story on this subject, have you heard somebody called Tolstoy, how many people have heard of him, lovely have you write in the story of Tolstoy, that is that is the best. Actually in many people says that is the best novel ever written, have you read any of it is short story, anybody this vacation do find you not read all, because tall's wrote in lot, but atleast one or two.

And one story that you must read is this this story is called please write, the bet, I am extremely sorry is not Tolstoy it is Chekhov who wrote another Russian writer, the story is called the bet, check with the Google, I am slightly confused are these story when I

was you are age, which is nearly 50 years ago, you just Google attend ya the search and net and see whose is one of those two or three great Russian authors.

The bet is the story between two of two friends, they take it bet you know one day what brings happiness millions of dollar or human company and one of the two friend says if I am million of dollar I do not need any human company, can you live 14 years without human company, I will give you everything, everything that you can imagine, but no human company and then take a bet and the friends gets in to the room and lock and key and the key is through it to well and the friend has to be there, did the friend survive for 14 years.

Who won the bet, what would you guess, who won the bet, the friend could not survive in confinement 14 years, how many people think the friend could not, how many people think the friend did, live in confinement for fourteen years. Read this story I will not tell you, what other it, do it is not long story it wont take longer than 10 minutes am very confident it is there on the net, just check it, is either Chekov or Tolstoy, most probably remember it is Chekhov. It is a movie in the story one of those stories you can never forget it is lot of those story you like to tell your son or daughter, 10 years from now, 5 years from now.

Let us say 7 years from now, is one those thing it is a very powerful statement of fact that human beings can have everything, but the happen is does not come to them unless they can boast about their success, then what is the point in you getting a noble prize news paper do not print your photo graph, if the television channel does not interview you, if you do not talk about it with you are family, friends you know. And there more than pronunciation more than power point slides, please believe me if I have to teach you one lesson, I like you teach you be socially correct, be cordial the word you know about the cordial the heart, [FL] in Latin means heart, be cordial, what is this word?

Cordial.

Cordial what is this word?

Cordial.

Cordial is a long verbal, cordial does not cordial, is a cordial what is it?

Cordial.

Cordial be cordial and therefore, you know those who heard you, should have been heard for you, but I find that many people particularly excuse me particularly among the B Techs they think I am so smart, I made the presentation did not heard the others, well I have nothing to say, is that a smart in my opinion nothing could be more stupid right. Come to the excuse me feed back now. Gokul is one of those smart people, who was heard by the others, but he did not hear the others and convey my greetings and good wishes to him in also tell him that, he should be socially correct.

Gokul my roll number is 38103016; today I am here to talk about drilling machine

Is that rapid or slow or ok, what did you say what did you say come on make an opinion is still rapid is still is more than, you know you are able to understand it Dinesh because you are from this community even when he spoke three time fast but try and play this tape to somebody who has not heard you, in from another culture, another country you must you know a presentation for 110 seconds should be like you know once in a life time perfect, give it you are best, do not see too many things for whatever you say, must be said with absolute clarity, with absolute patience, they must be delivered well, words are delivered you give them to someone else.

Imagine somebody gives you giving you a drink comes running leaves it at your table, runs away something is spilled, something is dropped would it give you the same pleasure it would not. So, is the case with words, actually many cultures rapid it is consider impolite, in my opinion Gokul is still rapid, but you reach you are conclusion I do not want you to agree with me

Is very familiar to us, in first case and equation the machine brew is.

Rohan are you here, convey my greetings to him, he should have been here, now pay attention to some aspects of words, languages and pronunciation.

What is pronunciation of this word, come on how many?

Vehicle

No is not, today when you go back to hostel check with the dictionary, what is it? This h is not pronounced, it is vehicle, now the question I am asking you is the following Rohan otherwise made a good presentation, but should he not have checked this is key word, am I right, I am right Kiran am I right, should you not object it pronunciation with a the dictionary, what is tell me yes or no.

Yes

Believe me and you do the second lesson I want to remember is, for the rest of your life, no matter what you do, whether you run a pizza delivery company, no like there was a write up about Flipkart in last week's news papers and the two I I T boys, within few years of graduation are already billion years and million years, delivering others book from others shop to somebody else, what a smart idea right you know the slide what you called extra martial affair.

Somebody else wife, somebody elses husband you are no responsibility only fun right is like that, right should we he not have checked, in words are delivered should we not have checked, Dinesh should Rohan not have a checked pronunciation of this word. Success in life is directly propositional you can have mathematical equation on this directly proportional to the amount of attention you give to all aspects, there is no exception to it, someday if you have a time and find time before you leave this institute, this is to show does not have sarang or hostel life, it also has a library look at the biography of people like Alexander, how did that guy 32 year old manage an army of over 10,00,000 across several continents did he drink water, did he keep is gold carefully, how did his horses find fodder in winter of Iran. Do you think he paid the attention to tese things, all of after the every victory he got drunk had hostilities took his friends to room his party in the room. What do you think? What is you are answer? What is you are answer? Any one please, he paid attention to every little thing, including the fodder for the horses, including how to protect the horse from the rays of India.

India monsoon can we torrential, nobody in India's military history has won a war again India during monsoon expect Alexander, he has struck when it was raining extremely heavily, you must study these things you know the language is very small part of the human personality. Human personality is about details human being are the only people who can talk to the grand fathers and grand son at the same time, no other animal can do

that if you do not imagine, if you do not exercise your intelligence before a war, believe me you are going to lose the war, this was a classic case of a wonderful presentation, little details.

I have over exaggerated one point, but I am not making that point do you see my point, what is my point? What is my point? My point is check, when you go to war, when you go to mountaineering check the laces of the boot, if the lace of boot is not strong enough, you are going to fall down from the height, where death is guaranteed do that, are you with me

Yes

Sure let us moving on.

What is the pronunciation of this word what is the pronunciation of this word

Mechanism

Mechanism and what did Rohan say?

Mechanism

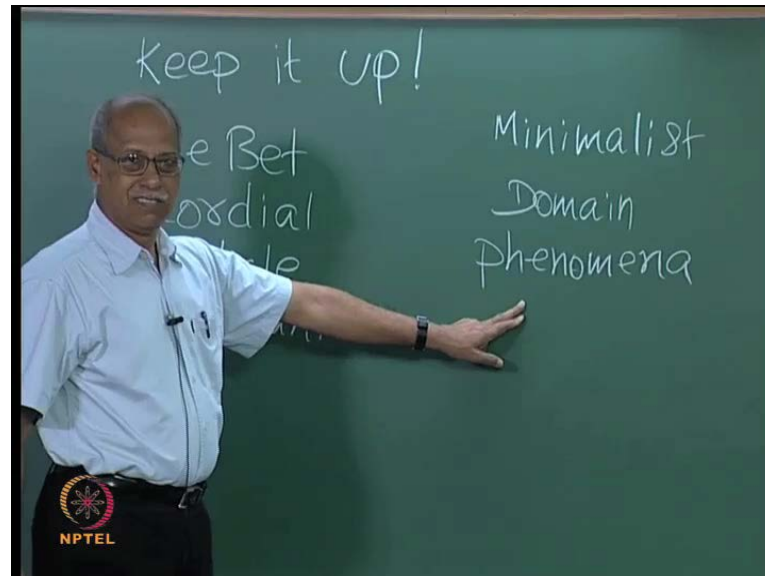
Mechanism just as you know you must pay attention to every detail, in some respects it must be your habit, when you go play tennis and somebody gives half volley how will you play football or hockey or relates sports you do not consult you are friends. Now should I pick up of my racket on the right hand and take it behind me 45 degrees and then I should hit it, because that is only way you can hit half volley or it is back hand it should be part of your habit it should be part of your habit.

Therefore, the key area assume only you know have you, any one counted the number of words, that I have given in there in that book, which you bought for some money there are fewer than 600 words and you have four months you had four months, if you take care of the every ten words every day, you will never make you know the guaranteed, tested, you will never make the mistake of word stress, which is what Rohan did and in crucial, this is this is key word right.

Let us move on Aparna use spoke very well, yesterday.

What is your roll number yes it is see that yes little detail You know do not be the minimalist, do you know the word minimalist, please write and check.

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Minimalist, the minimum required, doing the meaning of do not wash, because you can go to class without washing, do not have breakfast because you can go the class without breakfast read minimum, so that you can pass this semester, Aman and I (()) in plenty in place like Bihar believe me, god has, there is nothing god has not given as in Bihar, we are richest state in India and yet we are the poor is 27th in terms, because we are minimalist.

Minimum of us somebody else will come and take care of our floods somebody else will comes will build our roads that is what is you are doing and not only Aparna lot's of us inspite of four months of course, you are saying roll number is BT, is not BT, it is BT please even nowthe course, in my opinion the course begins day after tomorrow and you will begin teach yourself.

Otherwise it was good, but does not need for her to shake, so much

I liked your slides very much, this is how slides are ought to be uses, slides are meant for the illustration, diagram, data, title they are not meant for you to write your text and read them a loud, this is you know can you stitch a shirt with sword you cannot there is a

needle for, that; similarly you know the power point when power point came you know my generation has seen that revolution nothing like PowerPoint.

We used slides over head projectors, before over head projectors came, there used to be photo graphics slide, if you had a lecture two months later, you begin preparation today you wrote it out took photo graph made negatives then they were taken to the camera projector, then they made a lot of noise and some projection was possible, so when the power points came anybody could make it you know slide presentation then what is slide made for lot of us do not remember that I show you some slides.

So, this was good I am must congratulate you on that, may be some fonts would have been larger, because among you are audience remember you have you have all kinds of people, you must remember that, actually before you make a presentation you must ask yourself who I am going to speak to and keep their ability or inability in mind.

Now, look at this slide, how many seconds, would you require to read this, count let us start begin now, how many? Anyone finished reading, how many seconds did you take? How many did you take 20, 35? You know is not that you count have those takes, but ask yourself, how much, say example, first line phones communicate with satellite that are in a line of sight from the phone could be reduced, remember of words could be reduced phones are aligned with satellite or come and talk to somebody give me a thought, cut down number of words you know cut down the visual load for your audience.

So, that you know is can been easily seen, have you seen hoardings where a large board and have only one word in some corner, that is very clearly, seen imagine the sign board which has our entire address including our J E E rank here lives Dinesh Gaudappa the street number door number so and so, street number so and so. Studied in good shepherd or Lovedale and J E E rank and C G P A, lot of people do that. Doctor's do that. How many people read there report carefully you know you have to ask yourself it is huge lesson and communication reduce visual loads sorry Dinesh for making fun next time somebody else.

I am going to, are you here? I am going to put you the first face you know when it is uploaded in the you tube, you will lead them, you are entire thing, I am already told Santhosh to put this thing the first. I am really very happy, very pleased that at least one

person took the trouble to the dress up, should be that way believe me you know many of us many more than we really realize are so inflexible.

We are so stereo typed, such a straight (()) that even in weddings I find very few people coming in traditional dress, the jeans and T shirt I am not against jeans and T shirt, I am not against going without clothes, go without clothes how does it matter, but at a appropriate place in a bath room, not at the central station, when you come for traditional thing like somebody's wedding cannot you at least come in kind of clothes in grandfather, if you have them very valuable grandmother own many of us are in flexible.

Once again remember you are personality get depth through you are flexibility, it is not and big mark of you manliness, if you say I do not know cooking, you are great men if you know every things else plus cooking as well, great cooks are great men in India history at least I am right, but lost boys I do not know, as if it were some J E E kind achievement. So, you know I am very happy you know that you have this what we call nearly full suites shoes, ties, jackets, etcetera. You know it is attracts attention, it helps you stand out people see you in clothes first.

I am not telling you spend your fortune on clothes, I am not telling buy a shirt every week, that is obsessio, but as Buddha said truth is somewhere in the middle and the center in my favorite example is, the truth is neither the Mandakani hostel not in ocean engineering department, it is somewhere in HSB, am I right thank you very much.

What is the pronunciation of what is the pronunciation of this word and how did you pronounce it? You see once again check the button of the jacket. check the holder where rose will stick every little things is to be checked.

Is it singular or plural can you this phenomena, what is the correct pronoun for that these phenomena or this phenomena correct. Lot of us make this mistake with data particularly, which this data, data are plural, what is the singular for data? data what is the singular of data

Data

Data, so we must these data lot of people say this data, let them, but you do'nt know, but what I am try to say, that you know take care you know take care right.

What was that photo, is that photo graph from you or from, fine let us move on, are you here, what is the pronunciation of this word you are phrase and after static, but you say this, so quickly the three or four of us heard it together yesterday and difficulty making out until we saw given time is static mixer, what is it?

Static mixer.

Static mixer this is a key word you are going to entire presentation the 3 hour movie is going to be those two words, what are those two words? Love story you know each again fill should my opinion only one name, love story, 1 love story, 2 love story, 347, they are all only love stories, but love story should be that delivered, you see when you comes at the head of the Indian cinema, it comes will music, band, big capital, and all that otherwise you know.

Dinesh I want to you to listen to yourself, like you were listening to somebody else

Are you slow or rapid, you are slower, than you were no doubt if I compare this presentation with your first, you are slow, but you not yet, get down you know like imagine you were talking to a eight year old, telling that eight year old boy or girl story with all the love, with all the drama, that you are capable of bringing in your voice, did you like the bad sales man you know the sales man wants you to take the loan from citibank and you know once he has got you on phone he goes on.

Your slides right seriously speaking do you expect any one to read it, how many seconds would it take, how minutes actually Dinesh read it from the beginning to the end, quickly I will see how many seconds it takes your time begins now.

How many seconds? So it took you about 10 seconds, others will take three times as many, because you know the matter, you have already seen it at least once hopefully, others will take..., therefore you of ask yourself. How much, am not saying, I am not telling you use it as yourself, how much of it must here is the minimalist attitude here, you must you ask yourself, have I given you those words minimum essential, here you must you ask yourself, what is the minimum essential? What must get in here, right move on.

Slides are not meant for you, who are they meant for, your listener you should be looking at the slide, you should not talk this way, they are for the others you should know end back of end like a good sales man does, you are grew up in a village, where some times snake charmer would come. A snake charmer look at the snake, but held the snake this way and then would tell us all kind of stories and when the snake started to the marry the other snake in other village etcetera, etcetera.

In actually he wanted to sell some herbs to the village, but he said interesting story never looking at the snake and we always boys you know the young boys, we always admired his courage wow, how manly you must be the snake charmer, do you understand. Who slide is this? Do you seriously expect any one to look at the all of then my god, is what you do you know what the technical term we use it for in psychology; we call it over information or information over load in one slide, actually this is fit material in my opinion at least in three slides.

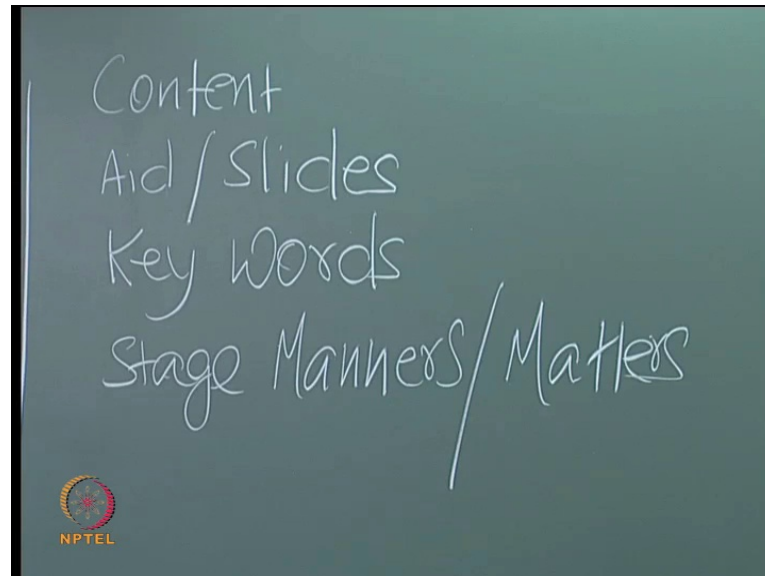
Unless it was avoidable, was it unavoidable? All in one slide together other related one in another, in that case you have time for nothing else, you could have kept only this slide and using laser torch or using the cursor, you could have taken us through this slide, this is the point, I hope not making fun of you, this is just other wise you know as I told in the beginning everybody this cycle giving me presentation close to my satisfaction many people have done extremely well, so just I am trying those area was some improvement is required.

I think you know I will stop here if you have any question, I will take those questions, if you have any question about the feedback I gave you, if you have any question please interruptt me; otherwise I am going to draw your attention to something else. In a presentation now you have that completed your presentation, you do not have to do any thy thing here, we do not have any examination.

Later in life you know when you make a presentation you have slide you have lots of thing to worry about. Can we make a priority list, what is it we must do before we do anything else before presentation give me that list, I will like you to take a minute think about it and give me the list. Should we worry about slide, should we worry about pronunciation, should we worry about tie or shoes, what is it we should worry about give me the list about four or five item, which we must worry about, before we make

presentation in the order in which the, what to happen if I had only 1 minute, what is it I will worry about first about make you are list.

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This is my list, you do not you really do not necessary have to agree with me you can have different list, but my opinion this should be the order, content what is I am going to be say in 2 minutes, 1 and half minutes in 40 seconds or in 15 minutes, you must give it adequate preparation. If you accept some job, if you accept an invitation to speak, if you are obliged to do an assignment which includes presentation at this institute or else where, give it adequate time it is directly you know.

Your the level of the success is directly proportionate to amount of preparation that goes in, and preparation must begin with content in my opinion, then you slides other kind of aid, if you are distributing hand outs be prepared you are speaking at place like Madras, then be prepared for the fact that, there can be power failures and you cannot say I would not talk because there is power failure, be ready with back up after all you who has invited to speak not the computer, not the power point.

So, you must be ready for battle without the horse, then comes language check your check their meaning, check their pronunciation; whether flavor is the right word or aaroma is the right word or fragrance is the right word, what would do, then your stage manners matters, clothes do given the choice put clean shirt, given a choice put some comb in your hair, given a choice to other such things you will make a great

presentation; I think I will stop here, do you have any questions or anything else to add to it. Thank you have a good day.