

Presentational Talk

Examples to use within the classroom

1. Explain Your Thinking

- Pupils explain their thought process or reasoning behind an answer, idea, or choice.
- Example sentence starter: "I decided this because..."

2. Teach the Class

- Pupils take on the role of the teacher and explain a concept, skill, or topic to their peers.
- Example structure: Introduction, explanation, demonstration, and questions.

3. Share a Big Idea

- Pupils present a key concept, idea, or discovery they've learned in the session.
- Example: "The most important thing I learned today is..."

4. Persuade the Audience

- Pupils create and deliver a short persuasive argument on a topic or question.
- Example starter: "I believe we should... because..."

5. Present a Step-by-Step Process

- Pupils explain how to complete a task, experiment, or solve a problem step-by-step.
- Example: "First, you need to... Then, you should..."

6. Compare/ identify similarities and differences between two items, concepts, or ideas.

- Example structure: "One similarity is... but a difference is..."

7. Ask and Answer Questions

- Pupils prepare and deliver questions to their peers or teacher and respond to any follow-ups.
- Example: "Why do you think...?" or "I would answer that by saying..."

8. Share a Reflection

- Pupils reflect on what they've learned or how they solved a problem.
- Example: "Today I found... tricky, but I overcame it by..."

9. Present a Visual

- Pupils use a diagram, drawing, or poster to support their presentation and explain its key features.
- Example prompt: "Can you tell us what your poster shows and why it's important?"

10. Retell Key Information

- Pupils summarise key points from a story, lesson, or discussion.
- Example: "The main idea was..."

11. Role Play a Character or Expert

- Pupils take on a role and speak from that perspective, e.g., a character, historical figure, or scientist.
- Example: "As a scientist, I would say..."

12. Give and Receive Feedback

- Pupils present their work, listen to peer feedback, and respond to it.
- Example: "One thing I'm proud of is... and one area I could improve is..."

13. Lead a Mini Debate

- Pupils present an argument for or against a opposing views.
- Example: "I think... because... What do you think?"

14. Use Visual Prompts

- Pupils describe or explain something based on a visual stimulus, such as an image, chart, or artifact.
- Example: "This shows... because..."

15. Predict and Justify

- Pupils make a prediction and explain the reasoning behind it.
- Example: "I predict that... because..."

16. Create a Sales Pitch

- Pupils present an idea, product, or solution and try to persuade others to "buy into" it.
- Example: "My idea is the best because..."

17. Demonstrate Understanding

- Pupils show how they have applied learning in a practical context and explain their approach.
- Example: "Here's what I did, and why I did it this way..."

18. Use Sentence Stems for Clarity

- Provide pupils with reusable sentence stems to structure their talk:
 - "I agree with... because..."
 - "One thing I noticed was..."
 - "This reminds me of..."

19. Act as a Reporter

- Pupils report back on group discussions, activities, or research findings.
- Example: "In our group, we talked about... and decided that..."

20. Solve and Present

- Pupils solve a problem (e.g., a puzzle, scenario, or challenge) and present their solution.
- Example this problem is... and here's why..."