Brainstorming

A Magical Technique for speaking at length

...And why do we all struggle at it?

- Speaking at length is the ability to speak continuously and uninterrupted
- You should be able to speak for 2-3 minutes with ease
- You should not be repeating ideas.
- The listener should clearly understand what you want him/her to know

Common shortcomings

- Too many fumbles and fillers
- Slow and sluggish delivery
- Repetitions of ideas
- Abrupt beginnings and endings

These are signs of an average communicator. Brainstorming is a strategy which can transform the skill of speaking to "speaking at length"

How does Brainstorming work

- Part 1 Break down the topic into WH questions you have to speak about
- Part 2 Brainstorm around the "broken topic" with ideas, keywords
- Part 3 Delivery

Sample Topic-

Which is the best meal that you have ever had?

Part 1 - WH questions

- Break down the speaking topic into multiple smaller WH- questions
- Here are some WH-questions What, When, Where, Who, Whom, Which, Why, How

<u>Sample</u>: This question can be broken into speaking topics using WH-questions. Let us see how.

- What did you eat?
- Who did you go out with?
- Which place was it?
- What did you like the most about the meal?
- Why was it your favorite?

Part 2 - Brainstorming

- At the brainstorming stage, you need to write possible answers to your WH questions
- Think of all possible keywords you can associate with a particular WH question

Sample:

- What did you eat?: Meals, lunch, brunch, desert
- Who did you go out with? Friends, Family, Relatives, Colleagues
- Which place was it? Restaurant, Home, Party
- What did you like the most about the meal? Varieties, Favorite chef/place
- Why was it your favorite? Flavor, Taste

Part 3 - Delivery

Delivery is already structured because of brainstorming. Simply follow the sequence of questions and use the keywords to recall your thoughts.

Things to Remember -

Choose the right WH-question to get the best answer