

BPE DofE Expedition Bitesize 12: Expedition Presentations

Developing your Presentation

The presentation should bring the expedition aim to life and be more than just a report of your project. It must be based on your own first hand experiences, observations and investigations during your expedition and be in a format which inspires you.

Through creating a presentation and communicating your experiences publicly, you have to think carefully about what impact the expedition has had on you and what you have achieved. For this reason, the presentation should be more than a simple display of research results to complete the Aim, it should be an account of your journey and adventures. Many of your experiences, both the highs and lows, will be easily remembered and add an extra level of interest for viewers.

Your presentation therefore should be made up of 3 sections:

1. A review of your expedition, highs and lows, funny anecdotes, pictures/video of the expedition
2. Your aim. How you achieved this, results of any research, opinions/personal views backed up by photos or videos
3. Personal reflections on what you've achieved and personal development.

Your presentation should last no more than 10 minutes, involve all members of the team, and also be prepared for Questions to be asked at the end.

Hints and Tips

- Use photos (lots of them!) as pictures “say a 1000 words”, and makes your presentation more interesting.
- When using videos, spend time carefully editing the content – keep it clean, brief and fun. Include humour, but avoid comments that could be misinterpreted, inflammatory or discriminatory.
- Consider what software you need. Standard Microsoft office products – such as Powerpoint – will be available for you to use, but if you require any specific editing software, then these will not be available. If you need any special software, you will need to bring in your own laptop or tablet, along with any connecting leads.
- Involve all team members in the development and delivery of your presentation. Start thinking about your presentation during your expedition so that you have a plan as to what you will do and how to do it.
- Avoid putting too many words on your slides. Bullet points with a short amount of text work best.
- Consider your audience – they want to share in your experience but don't want to sit through a long speech or lots of holiday photos/videos!
- Practice your delivery – and keep practicing!
- Be entertaining and don't rush your delivery.
- Be confident – and above all, **SMILE** 😊

