

# 17. Talking Interestingly

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Keep in mind that the purpose of your public speaking is not only to convince but also to persuade your hearers. It is not sufficient that they merely agree with what you say; you must persuade them also to act as you desire.

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## 17.1. Dressed Talking

## Development Schemes for Talks

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    - Introductory parts with funnel introductions and hooks
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    - Argumentation
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- ▶ Thesis slides (point slides) serve for dressed talking
  - What's your controlling idea of your talk? Remember, otherwise your talk is **naked**
  - What is your controller on your thesis slide?
  - Do you have a mature green thesis?
  - Do you have an echo point or a real message in the talk?
  - Do you have a threading relation? (e.g., degree of importance)
- ▶ Try to distinguish slides carrying primary support from slides carrying secondary support (distinguish bushes from comb)
  - What is your skeleton of the talk?
- ▶ Pivot-based schemes are nice for talks because they generate tension
  - “Knight” (Ritter) or tragedy..

## POPP/ZOPP for Problem Analysis

- ▶ Problems on one slide
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- ▶ Blocking factors on one slide
- ▶ Solutions (approach) on one slide
- ▶ MOPARC, ZOPP, GulCaramel, all are useful

A good talk follows a problem-solving development scheme.

## Introductions That Work

- ▶ Funnel intros
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## 17.2 Slides

- ▶ Not too much on slides (only pros are allowed to do that :-)
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## 17.3 Gestures

- ▶ Hands should exert gestures, not be hidden.
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## 17.4 Nervosity is Your Friend

- ▶ If you are not nervous, your talk will be boring and lousy.
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Strategies for dealing with *fair* interruptions

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- ▶ Change dynamics
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- ▶ Stop now and then – to surprise listeners



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