

**ASSIGNMENT**

**Individual presentation:** You are going to interview someone and give a presentation on how they managed expectations about their career choice and how they feel about their choices now.

## Student presentation script (example)

Useful expressions appear in *blue*.

OUTLINE	SCRIPT
Introduce the person you are going to talk about	<b>Hello, everyone.</b> Today, <b>I would like to share a story about</b> my cousin, Jamal.
Describe the person's background and the expectations they faced	My cousin Jamal is 8 years older than I am. He comes from a small town in North Carolina. His parents never had the opportunity to go to college. <b>He told me that</b> from a young age, <b>his parents wanted him to</b> be the first in the family to keep studying after high school. Because Jamal is the oldest, <b>they also expected him to</b> be a good example for his younger brothers and sisters.
Describe their personal expectations	<b>Jamal enjoyed studying, but he also</b> always wanted to study something he was interested in. <b>He loved playing computer games, so he decided to</b> look for a career in computers. <b>At first,</b> he thought of studying computer game design, but he couldn't find a course at the local college. So, Jamal asked his parents for advice.
Describe how they managed different expectations	Of course, <b>they weren't very happy to hear that</b> he wanted to study computer game design. <b>They were worried that</b> Jamal wouldn't be able to find a proper job after graduation. <b>They were also concerned that</b> he would have to move far away to do the course. Jamal understood their worries, but he didn't want to completely give up on his interests, too.
Describe how they feel about their career choice today and conclude	<b>In the end,</b> he decided to study computer science at a local college. It still allowed him to work with computers, and he didn't have to leave North Carolina. <b>Today,</b> Jamal is working as a software engineer for a bank near his hometown. <b>He says that</b> sometimes he still thinks about the decision he made back then. <b>Although</b> he didn't end up in the gaming industry, he's happy that he can use his computer skills in his job and stay close to his family.

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Describe the person's background and the expectations they faced	
Describe their personal expectations	
Describe how they managed different expectations	
Describe how they feel about their career choice today	
Conclude	

## Useful expressions

PURPOSE	EXPRESSIONS
Greet audience	<i>Hello everyone.</i>
Introduce a topic	<i>I would like to share a story about ... I'm going to tell you about ... You're going to hear about ...</i>
Sequence a story logically	<i>At first, ... Back then, ... It has been 5 years since ... In the end, ... Today, ... Flash-forward to today, and... Right now ... Thinking about what happened today, ...</i>
Report what someone said	<i>He said (that) ... He told me (that) ...</i>
Talk about expectations and managing them	<i>His parents wanted him to ... They expected him to ... He always wanted to ... He loved playing computer games, so he decided to ... They weren't very happy to hear (that) ... He understood their worries, but ...</i>
Repeat ideas for emphasis	<i>They were worried that ... They were also concerned that ...</i>
Show contrasting ideas, feelings, or actions	<i>He enjoyed ..., but he also ... Although ...</i>
Conclude a story	<i>In the end, ... Finally, ...</i>