

ASSIGNMENT

Group presentation: Your group is going to give a presentation about the topic “less is more.” Your presentation will address the question “Does having less make us happier?”

Student presentation script (example)

Useful expressions appear in *blue*.

OUTLINE	SCRIPT
Greet and introduce topic	<p>Student A: Hello all and thank you for your attention today. Now, raise your hand if you used a streaming service in the last week, music or television. Great, thank you.</p> <p>We can all agree, can't we, that online streaming services offer a great range of choice. In fact, as of June 2023, there were more than 2.7 million video titles across all major streaming sources. But the question is, is having so much choice actually a good thing?</p>
Describe how your group feels and give reasons	<p>Student B: The most popular companies, like Netflix or Disney, are huge global companies that have access to thousands and thousands of movies and TV shows from all around the world. They also have money to create new titles, so exciting, new choices are available every day.</p> <p>On the one hand, this is great. Before streaming, it was hard to find foreign titles, but now we can watch movies and series from all around the world in different languages and with a choice of subtitles. When we find something we like, we can watch all the episodes in one place.</p> <p>Student C: On the other hand, it can sometimes feel exhausting and overwhelming. A study in 2023 showed that 1 in 5 viewers felt that there was too much to choose from. After looking at the options, they couldn't find something to watch and decided to do something else.</p> <p>It can get very expensive, too. People want more and more choices, so they subscribe to multiple services. According to a Forbes Home Survey, in 2022, 86% of subscribers pay for more than one streaming service. Surprisingly, the survey also found that almost 50% of them paid for a service they never use.</p>
Describe changes needed, or why no change is needed	<p>Student D: So, what can we do about this problem? It is unlikely that companies will reduce their titles because they need to attract a wide range of viewers. However, there are some changes individuals can make: pay for one streaming service at a time, watch new things that are recommended and also the high-quality older shows. Watch content that has won awards, so you know it's going to be good.</p>
Conclude	<p>To answer our question at the beginning, for online streaming, having less choice is definitely a positive. The good news is that that's something we can control ourselves. Now, who can recommend a good movie for me to watch this evening?</p>

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Describe how your group feels and give reasons	
Describe changes needed, or why no change is needed	
Conclude	

Useful expressions

PURPOSE	EXPRESSIONS
Greet audience	<i>Hello everyone./Hello all/Greetings everybody.</i> <i>Thank you for your attention today.</i> <i>Thank you for coming to our presentation today.</i>
Ask a question	<i>Who ... last night?</i> <i>The (key) question is ...</i> <i>We were wondering if ...?</i> <i>Has anyone (ever) stopped to consider ...?</i> <i>We wanted to ask ourselves / find out / discover whether...</i> <i>Raise your hand if ...</i>
Give reasons	<i>According to ...</i> <i>The main reason for ...</i> <i>One/Another reason for ...</i>
Suggest changes	<i>The solution is simple: ...</i> <i>We believe a change is needed/not needed because ...</i> <i>We think that ... can actually be a good thing if ...</i> <i>There are some changes we can make: ...</i>
Connect to the ending to the beginning	<i>To answer the question we started with ...</i> <i>In answer to our question at the beginning ...</i> <i>To take us back to where we started, ...</i>