

ASSIGNMENT

Individual presentation: You are going to give a presentation to a partner about someone who has overcome a limitation to achieve success.

Student presentation script (example)

Useful expressions appear in *blue*.

OUTLINE	SCRIPT
Introduce the person you want to talk about	<p>Hello all and thank you for taking the time to be here with me today. I'm going to tell you an inspirational story about someone who overcame a serious limitation in creative and unusual ways. Megan Washington is one of Australia's best-known singers. She's won awards for her work, and her albums have topped the charts in her home country. <i>It hasn't always been smooth sailing for Megan, however.</i></p>
Describe the limitation(s) they faced	<p><i>From an early age</i> Megan has had to manage a stutter. <i>In other words, she finds it difficult to</i> speak or say things, especially the first part of a word. She often has to pause or repeat a word a few times before it comes out. Words that start with "st" are especially difficult for her to say. <i>For example</i>, she once worked with a drummer called Steve, and she had to call him "Seve", because she couldn't say "Steve" properly.</p>
Describe the actions they took and how they achieved success	<p><i>To overcome her difficulties, Megan tried several things. One of these was to</i> avoid certain words completely and say things a different way. <i>For instance</i>, because the word "Monday" was difficult for her to say, she would say "tomorrow", "the day after tomorrow", or "the day after Sunday". <i>Megan describes that as</i> the "loophole" method, where you change what you are going to say right at the last moment. <i>It sounds like hard work, doesn't it?</i></p> <p><i>In the end, what worked really well for</i> Megan turned out to be a technique called "smooth speech" that she learned when she was young. This means that you sing what you say. This singing technique worked so well for Megan it eventually turned into her career. <i>It sounds unbelievable, but</i> when she sings, she never stutters. Her way of overcoming her limitation was her pathway to success.</p>
Say what you learned from the person	<p><i>I learned from Megan that</i> sometimes what you think is a limitation might in fact end up making you stronger and more successful.</p>
Conclude	<p>You often hear sayings about how you can turn obstacles into opportunities. For example, "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." For Megan Washington, this turned out to be true – she built her own door and stepped through it. I hope you have found her story inspiring, like it was for me. <i>If you get the chance</i>, have a listen to some of her music. I highly recommend it.</p>

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Say what you learned from the person	
Conclude	

Useful expressions

PURPOSE	EXPRESSIONS
Greet audience and introduce person	<p><i>Hello everyone.</i></p> <p><i>Hello all and thank you for taking the time to be here with me today.</i></p> <p><i>I'm going to tell you an inspirational story about someone who ...</i></p>
Describe limitations	<p><i>It hasn't always been smooth sailing, however.</i></p> <p><i>From an early age ...</i></p> <p><i>In other words, he/she/they find it difficult to ...</i></p> <p><i>It can be hard to ...</i></p> <p><i>It's impossible for them to ...</i></p> <p><i>They find it difficult to ...</i></p> <p><i>For example/instance, ...</i></p>
Describe overcoming limitations	<p><i>To overcome her/his/their limitation [name] tried several things. One of these was to ...</i></p> <p><i>One way they overcame their limitation was to ...</i></p> <p><i>Another way to deal with this, is to ...</i></p> <p><i>There are various techniques that you can use to help you overcome ...</i></p> <p><i>One technique is to ...</i></p> <p><i>This is described as ...</i></p> <p><i>It's a method/technique called ... where you ...</i></p>
Engage listeners	<p><i>It sounds ... doesn't it?</i></p> <p><i>It sounds unbelievable but ...</i></p>
Conclude	<p><i>To conclude/To finish up ...</i></p> <p><i>If you get the chance, ...</i></p> <p><i>Do yourself a favour and have a look online to learn more about ...</i></p>