

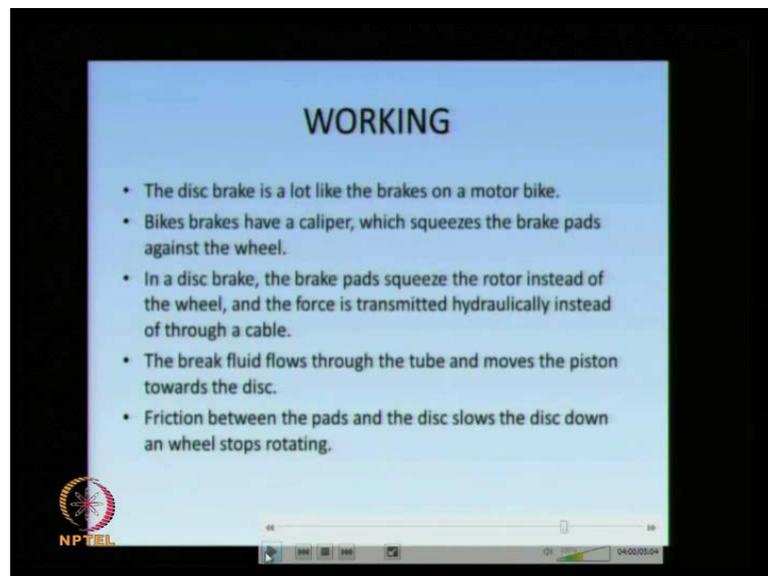
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Some of these words would have been cut, we could have done a a fewer words words this break is the lot like the breaks on a motor bike, can you rephrase it using fewer words, quickly.

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Bikes, breaks have a calibers, using the break wires, in a disc break or break pads squeeze the rotor instead of the wheels, all these things have processes, words are not the best medium to do you see the point, that is why I choose this. Words are not the best medium to illustrate these processes, no matter what you do, this process this is where your skill in engineering drawing, your skill with lines and curves come in to play. You could you know that could have been I am not saying this is wrong; but this is not the

best medium; it is like stitching a shirt, stitching a button with a sword, you can possibly with some effort do it, but that is not the best way to do it.

Let us move on

Lots of words

Are you hear, good that he came in full formal dress, you will be the third person, I will request Sabtosh to put some in that order, three people you, Dinesh and Sidhesh right, who came in suite; and then the those who have tie then the others and of course, ladies.

I wanted to make that point and we have another video right (()) only one fine yes, I want to I wanted to make some other quick point and then I will, we we still four months down the line, we are still making some.

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Four months down the line we are still making mistakes in pronunciation with regard to keywords for example, you know what is the pronunciation of the first word there?

Calorific

Calorific, who is the presenter Karthick yes, we discussed it yesterday right you just give some attention, these things must become a part of your speaking habit, there is no other similarly you know the next.

Develop

Develop lots of people, I heard all the presentations yesterday and lots of people have not said develop, they have said develop, which means you know you have not made the necessary effort to change the habit of speech, it must change, next.

Deliver

That should be deliver, next

Eliminate

Eliminate, next

Industry

Yeah, but it is not industry

Industry

Industry, main stress on the first syllable in, its industry, what is it?

Industry

Industry remembers you know next

Mechanism

Mechanism next

Solar

Solar, it not solar; lot of people particularly you know when when this is the keyword for you, you must get it right and next.

Vehicle

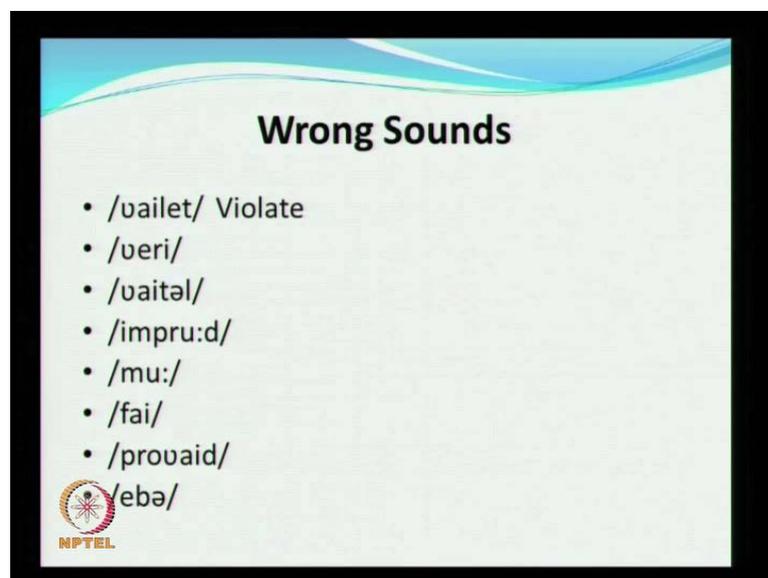
Vehicle, you do not pronounce h there, you just vehicle v e what is it?

Vehicle

Without the h, once again you know there there were other words, I did not want to bother you, I am just only try you know I am not saying that your presentation has been bad in the fourth cycle; many of you have done a absolutely marvelous job, I feel very happy, I feel satisfied, I feel rewarded, you have really learnt a lot.

But, you see we are in the business of perfection, we cannot go to this sky with loose nut or one screw missing that is not how perfect machines are made and that is not how perfect man are made, they are good in character, they are good in personality, they are good in speech as well; so pay attention please.

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Similarly, you know some sound you know, this sound continues to be difficult for the class, can you guess what the last word and the column is, what is the intended word Gokul, what is the intended word?

Above

Above but the, but the speaker swallowed the last sound, may be he did not have breakfast that day, he swallowed the last sound. So, it sound like abo and you know you are your listener can get confused. Similarly, the second word from the bottom.

Provide

Third word from the bottom

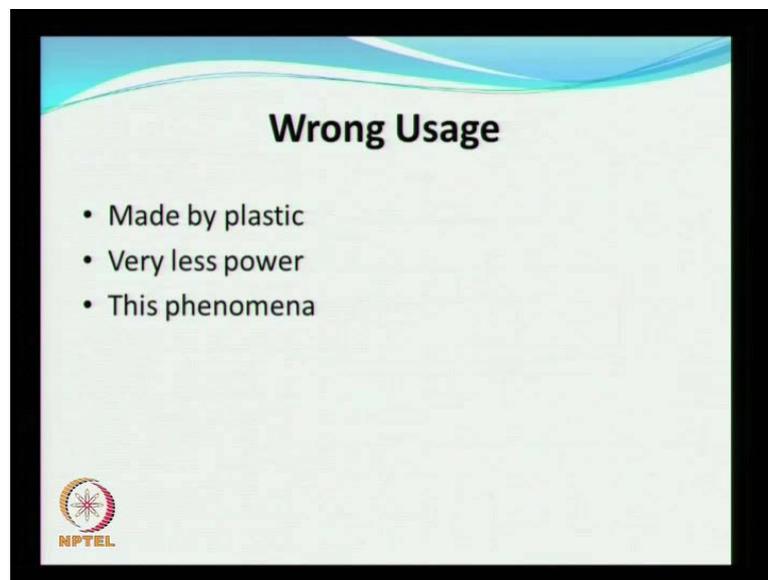
Fai

Fai, but y is missing and fourth word from the bottom

Move

Move mu is missing, in improved lot of people have said improved, va is missing you know do take care if you speak slowly, carefully there is no hurry you know, you have got do not say too much, but say enough to fill the time, that you have been given.

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Some wrong usage, you cannot say made by plastic by is used for human agents, made by x company, made by Samsung, made by TCS, you can say that, you do not say; for material what do you use?

With

With or of

Made with or of, made of plastic are made of fiber glass, so very less power what should we say?

Very little power

Very little power or little power, do not use word like you see, there is no place for or there is very little place for, adjectives and adverbs in an engineers language. Something is tall, what is very tall? 30 floor 30 floor building, 40 floor building, if you go to Shanghai today, when I was your age, Shanghai, had no building taller than 4 floors.

Today, no buildings there is shorter or smaller than 40 floors, we have Chinese students here, some of them live on the 46th floor, others live on the 50th floor, what is tall? In India is also changing extremely rapidly extremely rapidly within next 10 years it is expected that a sky line in Chennai would raise to at least about 50 meters; currently it is somewhere about 20, Delhi would go much higher, Bombay is already very high.

So, what is in engineers do not have adjectives like you know very, many, they use quantities, do not use these terms, this not for you, this phenomena we talked about yesterday right, what I am trying to tell you is these are very small, these were the only examples. I was able to pick up from a 50 into 2 plus 10, 110 minute presentation which means, marvelous I congratulate you, you done a good job, generally as a group class and keep it up. The most difficult challenge for you now would be, not to let yourself go back to the old habit.

I will now invite some of you to make some presentation entirely on your own. The short presentation, either a story or a song and that will go to the you know internet as some of the best from the course; who will like to do it first, Aparna you said you do it, come, who next Dinesh, Rohan, so we will go in that order Aparna, Dinesh, Rohin, what is your name Saurav ya Sidhesh, siddarth, so just about 2 to 3 minute each right please, I will give you the microphone I will, you follow this (()) (()).

Good morning to all, my name is Aparna, today I am going to tell a poem, a very memorable poem. On a road so busy and so long, walks a pretty girl without a song, steady head and head will so strong; a milestone in side as she paces along, every time she crosses one wearily she smiles at the one that are done, she cannot stop what has already begun a destination to reach before setting of the sun, she notices the winds blowing along shaking the leaves and singing its song; a few listen, but it still goes on for no reason tagging along, weary she looks up at the sky, suddenly, the beauty catches her eye.

The roads so beautiful she missed all the while, the leaves, the birds and the mystic blue sky. She now, understands the song of the wind embraces the tickle and the smile that it brings, it dances in happiness as it makes her sing a sweet innocent friendship begins, as they danced on a weary afternoon, many milestones they will passed soon, they friendship helps them pace along with a lot more cheer on a road so long, thank you.

Hello, I am Dinesh and today, I would like to tell a story to you guys, once upon a time in India around 18th century there is one Chinese general name Tansui. He is very great general and he is like great conqueror, he conquered large parts of large eastern part of India; and where ever he stepped across, he just kept conquering and conquering and conquering. And one day the king called back the emperor of china call them back to china and ask them to spend a year with him. He decided to go back to china while just before leaving he thought, if he could take a sage from India, it will be very helpful and it also bring him goodness and happiness throughout.

So, it he decided and the emperor the general and few of his workers go in search of sage, after two day they find a sage sitting under a banyan tree, now he very politely now ask the sage, I would like I would like you to come along with me, I will give you all the wealth, I can ever give anybody and I will also give any sort of pleasure you ever thought of, the sage says I am happy and comfortable here, and I have no desires for pleasures so, I refuse to accept, accept.

He gets very angry and he draws out a sword immediately and saying, me one of the greatest emperor general ever born in china and nobody stays alive after disobeying me, now the now the sage stricken normally calm again polite. Now, the sage tells him you are a slave of my slave, how do you think that you can kill over me, he is shocked he just drops his sword, he is amused at that movement and he asked what are you saying, he says, I sage replies I mastered my anger and you are being mastered by your anger, so now basically you are a slave of my slave, so moral of the story is you need to be aware of the situations, peoples, surrounding of you, so before you act think twice, thank you.

Good morning friends, so the story which I am going to tell is a real life story, it involves my uncle, my maternal uncle he lives in the U S, so one fine morning like as usual he got up, he he got ready to go to work and all. So, what happened is I exactly do not know the details, but what happened is, his wife my aunt, she misplaces his brief cases or

something, so they had like this big quarrel, like there like quarreling yet, you always do this and all, normal husband wife quarrel. So, because of that he got some half an hour late or something, so he was very angry, that day I think he had some important meeting, so he was very angry on my aunt, his wife.

So, like he drove to his office, so he was driving in the middle of his drives he is stopped and there in front of him he saw the world trade center collapsing, so and my uncle worked in the world trade center and it was 9, 11 and luckily he got late, because of whatever quarrel.

And now he is safe he is alive, he is living in the United States, so the only moral which we can get through this is that, I think everything which happens, ultimately happens for the good, like only you need you need to have faith that yes, whatever is happening in the end something good will happen from it like, so I think that is what we can learn from this experience, thank you.

Next please raises out

Good morning everyone, I am here to recite a poem this is from my middle school and I was schedule to recite this in front of my school, but however, the program was cancelled. So now, I have an opportunity, so (()) the poem is called the muddle head, by Ogden Nash.

I knew a man from petushkee as muddle head, as could be he always got mixed up with clothes, he wore his mittens on his toes forgot his collar in his haste and tied his tie around the waist, what a muddle head was he, that man who lives in petushkee, they told him as he went about you got your coat inside out and when they saw his hat they said you put a saucepan on your head, what a muddle head was he, the man who lived in petushkee.

At lunch he scratched a piece of bread and spread some butter on his head, he put his walking stick to bed and he stood in the rack instead, what a muddle head was he the man who lived in petushkee. He walked up to a tram one day and climbed in very sprightly, the conductor thought that he would pay instead he said politely, parding your beggon kister monductor , I am off for a weeks vacation; I stop you to beg your cram

way far as soon as we reach the station, the conductor got fright and did not sleep that night, what a muddle head was he, the man who lived in petushkee.

He rushed in to the first cafe, a railway ticket please one way and at at the ticket office said a slice of tea and a cup of bread, what a muddle head was he, the man who lived in petushkee. He passed the man collecting the fares and entered a carriage awaiting repairs thus stood on a side all by itself half of his luggage; he put on a shelf the rest on the floor the coat in his lap and settled himself for a bit of a nap. All at once he raised his head, I must have been a sleep, he said hey what stop is this he cried. Petushkee a voice replied. Once again, he closed his eyes and dreamt he was in paradise, when he woke he looked about raised the window and leaned out. I have seen this place before I believe is it Kharkov or is kiev?; tell me where I am in petushkee a voice replied, and so again he settle down and dream the world was upside down, when he woke he looked about raised the window and looked out.

I seem to know this station too is it, is this Nalchik or Baku tell me what it is called, he called he cried petushkee a voice replied, up he jumped it is a crime I have been riding all the this time and here I am where I began, that is no way to treat a man what a muddle head was he, the man who lived in petushkee, thank you.

The following poem written by an African boy was nominated for the best poem in 2005, when I born.

Write the name of the poem

Name of the poem, it is not there sir, when I born I black, when I grow up I black, when I go in sun I black, when I scared I black, when I sick I black, and when I die I am still black and you white fellow, when you born you pink, when you grow up you white, when you go in sun you red, when you cold you blue, when you scared you yellow, when sick you green and when you die you gray, and you calling me coloured, thank you.

We have another 20 minutes almost are you alright, are you relaxed, the five people that presented poems and stories I really done me proud, shows that given an opportunity to speak you will take it; take the opportunity you see as somebody has very famously said, luck is when preparation meets the opportunity. You must be prepared, luck will come

your way, but even if luck comes your way you are not prepared it does not take you anywhere, know if you want to go to Chennai central station, you are ready somebody gives you lift that is luck, you got the opportunity you are ready.

So, like this you know you will get opportunities to speak, to further hone your skill at this institute in your hostel, in your village, in your company, please believe me beyond all cynicism it is extra work which had to your power, laziness, fear, reluctance, shyness, hesitation, has never made any one, anything, except a luggage, a piece of luggage on the mother earth.

Do take the opportunity whenever you get it; I am not telling you be the chatter box, there is something called you know opportunity, you are expected to speak stand up you may not a speak for two hours, you make you may speak for only two minutes, but let those 2 minutes be a memorable minutes it adds to your personality.

Now, the last part of the course, I would like to summarize what we have try to learn once again, please mark my word I am not telling you, I have taught you anything, because I have not taught you what is there to you know speaking is something nobody can teach you, there is lots of researchers lots of researchers to prove that all of as learn to speak because of our effort we need exposure; we need motivation actually if you do a course (()) semester with me in linguistics. I will tell you that language learning begins right inside the womb of your mother you know fetus begins learning languages. As soon as the child is about 14 week old, child has a brain you know the fetus has the brain a language learning becomes; so you will learn we acquire language nobody teaches us anything, no matter how hard I try I can notice speak for you, just I cannot walk for you.

So, what have we learnt or what have we try to learn, evaluate your own learning following this matrix; number 1, no presentation, no examination, no performance, we dance, be it song, be it examination, be it making a project proposal, nothing should be done without preparation, absolutely nothing, can you recognize who this general is, anybody.

Alexander

Yes Alexander Alexander the great, one of the greatest generals even today his warfare techniques are taught in military colleges, he is the one who said soldiers should have

short hair otherwise, you could be caught by your hair, and your head could be chopped off. He is the one who said soldiers should be cleans shaven, he is the one who said wear short cloths, not long cloths, it is still remembered and he was the great general this horse of his, he is sitting upon anybody can hazzard a guess, what was called?

Bucephalus

Yes, how do you know?

Bucephalus

Bucephalus a great horse and Alexander acquired it when he was 14, his father gifted him this horse to him, one day can I tell you this story, one some horse seller came to his father, his father was call Philip the king of Macedonia. And the horse was rather wild all his generals you know, none none none of his generals was able to mount the horse, the as soon as they tried to mount the horse, the horse would shake them off.

So, the king told the horse dealer, horse seller that he could not buy that horse, it was wilde horse yet to be tamed and then the horse seller taunted the king he said no my lord the horse is not wild, it is only that you do not have generals who can ride this horse, the king felt bad, but could not do anything.

Alexander was also there, he was about 14 at that time and he was Phillips son from his first wife, his mother had already been dead and Phillip had taken a second wife and Alexander was not his father's favorite, Alexander was you know he is own master in many ways; even at that ages his father did not like him very much, but Alexander's requested his father for permission to try his hand and the father was reluctant had this boy is cheeky where generals have failed what a 14 year old boy could do.

But, he said anyway, you can try and Alexander went there and Alexander had observed the horse, the horse had been stooped, at an angle where the horse saw its own shadow and the shadow of the mounting rider. And that movement you know the shadow coming in motion made it nervous, so it shook, the horse felt uneasy and the horse shook the rider off. Alexander had observed this.

So, what Alexander did, was he did not immediately try to ride mount the horse, he held the horse by the reign, walked the horse some distance, patting the horse on its buttock

on its back all along and finally took it to an angle where the shadow fell behind the horse, are you with me, do you get the process. It fell behind the horse, and once it fell behind the horse then he took the horse to a trot, trot is where only one leg is in the sky, three legs are still, three feet are still on the earth; and then he mounted the horse and was able to do several rounds of the palace courtyard where this horse was.

So, finally, the king bought him that horse at a huge price and Alexander kept that horse, and he personally cared for that horse all his life, this horse died then his battle against Porus in India on a rainy night; it got hit by a spear and the spear cut its throat and the horse died, Alexander wept for it. The point I am making is whether a war, whether a great general or a great general or a great scientist or a great writer or a great manager you know have you heard about Samsung company, read about biography of its founder somebody calls Samsung.

The company was decimated three times, it came to 0 during second world war during Korean communist revolution, they were in north Korea, driven out they owned nothing, but today Samsung is the biggest Asian company, there is nothing they do in their shipping, their power, their fertilizers, their paper, their television, their consumer electronics, what is it they do not have, how is it possible or you know any big company.

The read about, I have I have read about Japan you know and there the culture is that, if the chief executive is in town, the chief executive goes before anyone else at the company gate; at least 15, 10 minute, 15 minutes before others, stands there and receives his colleagues saying good morning, in Japanese they say [FL].

Very good morning, you come in the point I am making is preparation and attention to look even little details words, dress, slides, where you will stand, how you will face the camera which angle, when you would take it, all these things and with practice they become a part of you habit. But, you have to pay attention in the beginning, if you want to be a great man, a great woman, a great personality just as may be, so preparation is very important. Then yes, put this preparation word and red yesterday under the horse, I had put it in black they were the words, I hope you like then you says heart, I usually do not like red, but I thought I will try it, you like red yes Aman.

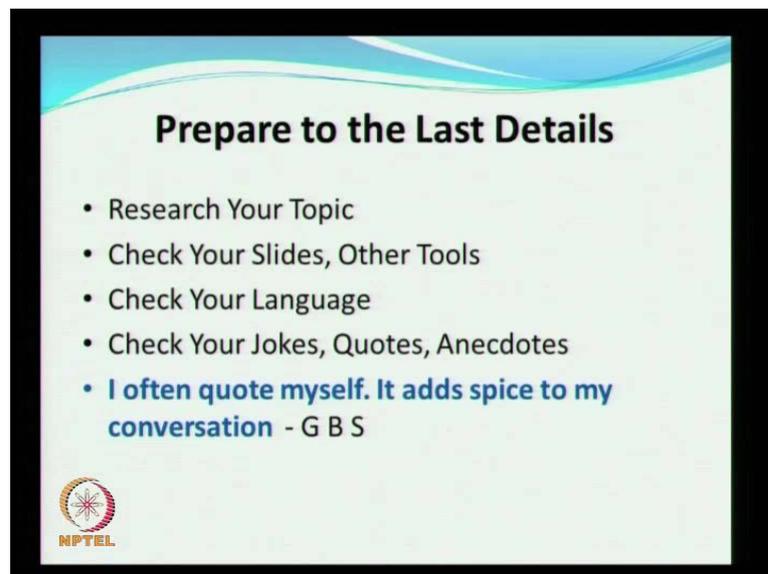
The red you know the word preparation in red here, do you like it say yes or no, because the word can be heard shaking of the head cannot ok right.

Let us move, you know have little time I prepare to the last details, research your topic as well do not take anything for granted, that is one lesson give you, if you are ask to speak about your village, you already know your village, even then do not take it for granted sit down, ask yourself do I know all that is there to know, can I find something new, can I check on my facts, when it happened you are ask to speak at this institute. Somebody wants his wants prove gave me a presentation on Gagendra circle, one of somebody some boy from this class.

Why is Gagendra circle there and he said that one day the mother of the maharaja of Mysore was walking through this garden with her gardener and she found you know this campus use to be part of Mysore maharaja's estate, which became Raj Bhavan.

So, she found the gardener found two elephants they are playing foot ball, very fantastic story I do not think it is true, but the point but the point is you know to hold the audiences attention, that boy had created an entire story, he had stories about lots of things why is OYT like that and he had another story; the elephants you had taken for wash them he had everything connected with elephants and Mysore and you know etcetera etcetera.

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So, when the first director came here and saw this elephant pond then he and his wife wondered and they decided that it will be a good place for as to sit down and watch movies every you know Saturday. That point I am making is give attention to you have

to fill in 10 minutes, 2 minutes, how am I going to fill it in, what am I going to say you when I joined here, there was a tennis court somebody call K U N Rao many of us called him KunuRao in Kunurao have lots of stories have this kind elephants playing foot ball and all that.

So, research your topic, check on the fact you can research in many ways, you are you are you are the lucky generation Google in it you get it, but you also if there are questions for which Google does not have answers check with your elders, your parents, your teachers. There is saying in Arabic something like this, for the sake of knowledge go even to china and India from Arab those days desert had to crossed it for the sake of knowledge, go even to you know India and china.

So, check your slides, your other tools if you are playing a tape recorder, if you are playing a music system, if you are going to show some photographs or some rare documents, check before hand do not leave it to the last minute word check your language. Ae you sure of the words you are going to use their pronunciation, their grammar everything.

If you want to tell jokes yes, check you are telling jokes believe me, is one of the most difficult things in public, when you tell jokes and nobody laughs you feel like crying, when you tell jokes and you have to tell others please laugh now it was the joke, I have got many boys you know once I have tried jokes for this class and after that I decided lots of boys cried telling their jokes, they could not you know.

Check however, jokes have been delivered you know jokes have to be delivered with very theatric with a degree of theatricality, we have to say something fast, we have to wait for something else, but it is a great tool if you can manage it, there is nothing gets you the attention of the listener better than a joke right. Check your jokes or quotes lot of people ask me is it very important for as to have quotes or quotations not really, if nothing else you know.

And if you are very keen that you should have some quotation then quote then quote yourself this is from Bernard Shaw you know, where the quotation I have giving you there, I have often quoted myself is it, I do not have to quote Aristotal or Tolstoy or Vashishta or Vishwamithra. You can, you are a Aristotal, you are a Vasishta or you can

tell anecdotes, just as Rohan you told as about world trade center that is an anecdote from your own life.

So, thus thus marvelous, you you do not have to quite prepare, pay attention to all the relevant aspects that is extremely important, do not take any little thing for granted. There is a poem in English which says, the kingdom was lost for the sake of the nail, the king rode at the horse, the horse had a horse shoe, horse shoe had nails and one nail was loose.

So, when the king went to the battle field you know, the nail was loose therefore, the horse shoe fell down therefore, the king fell down therefore, the kingdom fell down, is may be a bit of exaggeration, but was not entirely untrue. It is attention to little things that makes a great building there has to be a reason, why Taj Mahal its still intact 400 years after its construction, and many other buildings particularly the modern buildings, government buildings, to build these days do not lost that long it is a marvel of engineering. If you are interested there is a article in structure of Taj Mahal, Google it see the detail there attention, they pay to the details the angles the distances you feel here is in, here is somebody who deserve to be called an engineer, structural engineer was an Armenian guy who made it possible, so you know all great lives tell you attention to details is important.

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The next check before you talk, the hall, the audience, who are going to be your listener and we have the luxury, teachers have the luxury, we know our listeners, you guys are captive; even if you do not like me you cannot walk out of this class, I have got you for 15 minutes.

I can make salad out of you or soup out of you, but you would not have that privilege with your colleagues with your peer group, you know I am reminded out students write things on desks, do you also write on desks in classes where we have board. So, somebody once the student magazine here, made a survey of writings on the desk, when one that I remember even today, in my opinion that is the best and I like to write it, so that you can take it home (Refer Slide Time: 43:07), what does it say, can you read it loud.

In the memory of those who became martyrs waiting for the bell.

What you mirrors of martyrs in your, you know they may want leave if you are not interesting, so check your audience what age, how old, how young, what gender, what nationality, they are going to be from. And if you are going to lot of old people, you fonts naturally must be larger your language must naturally change, if you are going to a have lot of ladies please believe me no lady in no culture; likes a boy who is crude they may like a crude joke on the screen, but in person nobody likes very crude fellow.

So, you you have to be refined, you have to be civilized, cultured, check on your audience. But if you are speaking only to the boys in your own hostel then you can go without pants, and the speak if you like, anyway you like. Check the light from the location on the podium you know many of as teachers, I am reminded of a book which were I was giving when I joined this institute, teaching at MIT.

It was a great look you know in many people followed that even here; check the location of a black board in relation to the window where the light falls on a black board, so that you write accordingly, big or small letters. These little things do matter where you should stand, how you should write, when you should talk, when you should go quite, when you should not talk, all of these principals, check any other tools you may wish to use common sense.

Common sense cannot be taught, there is no school which says you are now the B.sc in common sense or B.Tech in common sense, it says you know your intelligence plus imagination on the spot right. Language is your best tool, you reach others only through languages.

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So, as far as possible, use simple words, simple sentences fully tell a story and speak as if you are telling a story speak slowly, create the picture, create the picture you know and you find that your audiences involved, draw pictures in words, hold attention of your listeners, I wanted tell you the story of this witch we are running out of time, I was as I being telling you raised in a village, lots of witch stories, the elders would tell us.

And you know they would create picture those days they did not have LCD presenters, but there is you know witches are tall, thin, the big eyes, long hair, pardon me Aparna your back a long hair, their eyes can be blood sharp, their nose can be crooked very fair white, in the evenings do not go through that street. And you would ask why, they would say do not you no they would never say there is witch there, which they said do not you no they put fight in your, out of curiosity you still want to go there in the evening to see.

Because, we are told out witch gets out at the night, climbs a tree and then takes a boys for her dinner and girls for her breakfast that you know it create, spin stories, like the art of storytelling is dying art now, but the great art. Here, again Dinesh help me download,

this is a typical imaginary portrait of witch crooked nose, big eyes, hooded, weird looking, she had all kinds of thing, crows egg and what not.

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You must be at your best, best in every sense of the term, dress well, as well as you can you are going for performance, let the world remember you that here was a man worth listening to, wear a smile, relax and nothing to fear, respect your audience, your audience respect you.

I have been telling you have good eye contact, with your listeners, do not make unnecessary gesture, even now four months down the course, I have found you know people you know in the (()), you are giving out of respect for your listeners you must be at your best.

And then of course, speak slowly, as slow as you can, as naturally as you can spoken English is different from written English, even I am very good at written English, we do not make mistakes spelling punctuation grammar and vocabulary. But spoken English is different it has stresses, it has pauses, it has stereo pronunciations, they right Manchester and speak it as London, check at least the key words as I told you in the beginning luck is when preparation meets opportunity.

Some great men I getting that, name of that great man you can check on the Google, thank you, and wish you all the very best, can you please join me in clapping for

Santhosh and my friends in this studio, who had help as all these four months. Thank you so much. Thank you Babu and please convey thank you please convey my thanks to the entire team here, and thank you ladies and gentleman, I hope you have enjoyed this course and some of you will become great a speakers.