

How to Tell Stories

1. Know the story, get familiar with it, but don't learn it by rote only
 - A. When, where, who, what, why, and how (or some of these)
 - B. Problems or Crises
 - C. Emotions/feelings
 - D. Solution/Result/Ending
2. Tell the story instead of reciting it
 - A. Use expressions/feelings/emotions
 - B. Change your voice (e.g., loudly, with high pitch, etc.)
 - C. Use pauses, silence and other side techniques
 - D. Use character voices when necessary
 - E. Look at your listeners
 - F. Use gestures and body movements to help listeners see pictures in their minds
 - G. Avoid nervous or unfamiliar movements
 - H. Use visual aids when necessary
 - I. Have the audience interact with you if necessary
 - J. Add jokes if appropriate