

SEP ENGLISH 104 (Arranged)

Videotaping Assignment #1: Explaining Basic Concepts, Assumptions, and Principles in Your Area of Study

In this presentation your assignment is to explain to the class one of the most important basic concepts, assumptions or principles used in your field. This will then allow the class to understand your later presentations more easily. For example, if your presentations are going to be in the area of chemistry, you might want to explain Conservation of Matter; or in the biological sciences, you might want to explain basic cell structure.

In all likelihood, in order to do this you will need to explain some of the basic terminology of your area of study, so give some thought to what good definitions for these terms are and what kinds of examples will be most helpful to the audience. Also consider what questions and difficulties people are likely to have, and how you can respond to them most clearly.

Your presentation will be videotaped and should last 8 to 10 minutes (about 7 minutes for presenting and 2-3 minutes for questions). Be sure to allow time for questions. Make sure that you have a clear introduction and conclusion and that the body of your talk is well organized.

Also remember that you are talking to PEOPLE - interact with the class, look at us, move around the room. Remember to speak loudly, at a normal rate of speech, and to make eye contact with the audience, and to smile.