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Presenting in English

Week 1 Notes

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Outline

- Introductions
- Example presentations
- Presentation basics
- Overview of English pronunciation
- First assignment
- Questions



Introductions

- The course
- The instructor
- The students



Example presentations

- A useful website:
<http://ecorner.stanford.edu>
- [Carly Fiorina](#)
- [Vinod Khosla](#)
- [Guy Kawasaki](#)
- [Carol Bartz](#)



Presentation basics

- Clear topic, audience, and purpose
- Structure
 - Introduction
 - Body
 - Conclusion
- Comprehensible, engaging speech
- Complementary visual support
- Impression of confidence



Pronunciation basics 1

- Basic sounds (phonemes): consonants and vowels
<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/#>
- Syllables and consonant clusters: consonants attached to a single vowel producing a unit, e.g., strengths
- Stress: prominence to syllables in words & phrases www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/word-stress.htm



Pronunciation basics 2

- Rhythm: English, a stress-timed language
<http://languageinstinct.blogspot.com/2006/10/stress-timed-rhythm-of-english.html>
- Intonation: changes in pitch across a phrase www.americanaccent.com/intonation.html



Pronunciation basics 3

- Linking: connecting the end of one word to the beginning of another

www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/linking.htm

- Reduced forms: deleting, changing, or combining sounds in connected speech

www3.telus.net/linguisticsissues/ReducedForms.html



Homework

- Review the pronunciation sites briefly, especially in areas of concern for you
- Prepare a short talk for next week (handout)
- Check out some other speakers at <http://ecorner.stanford.edu>
- Questions?