Difference Between a Pitch, a Speech, and a Presentation

"Professional Self-presentation in English" course

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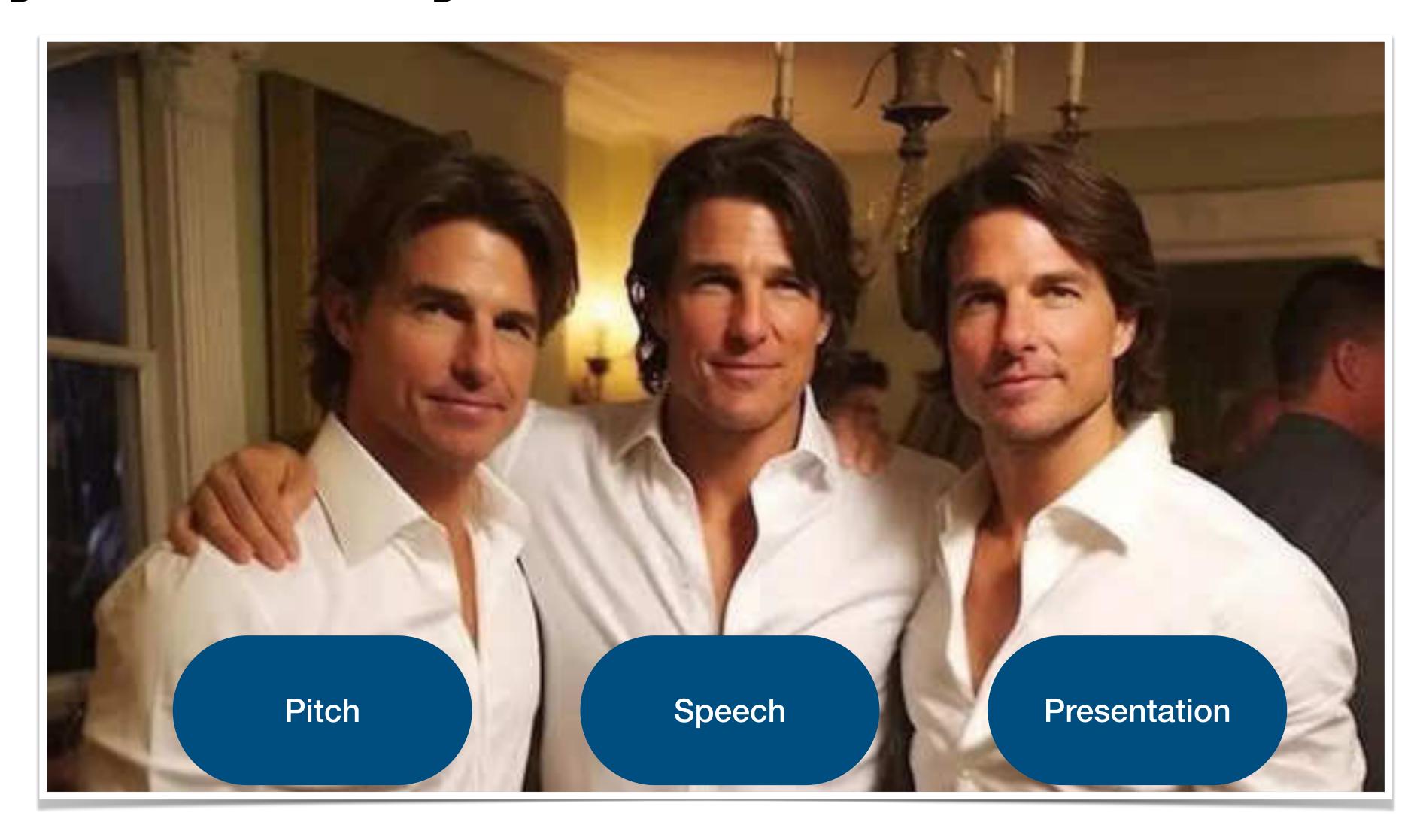
About me

Oksana Skoromna CEO at "Career English School"

- **7+ years** as a CEO and founder of Career English School
- 2+ years leading a tech startup in supply chain management
- 5 conferences: as a keynote speaker
- 7+ years experience as a Product and Project Manager in banking



Do you actually know the difference?



Pitch vs Speech vs Presentation

Definitions

Speech - a formal talk given usually to a large number of people on a special occasion. No presentation deck.

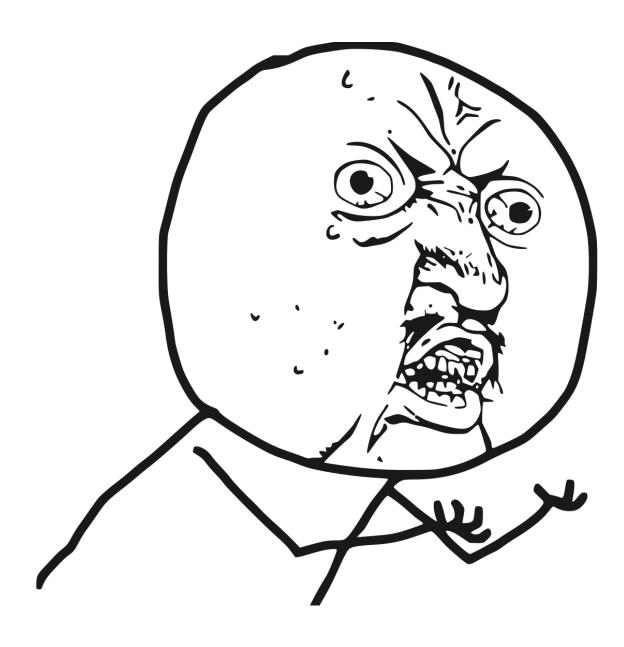
Presentation - a talk to a group in which information about a new product, plan, etc. is presented. Visual aids are required.

Pitch - a concise speech aimed at SELLING something or CONVINCING someone. No presentation deck is needed.

Pitch vs Speech vs Presentation

Purpose

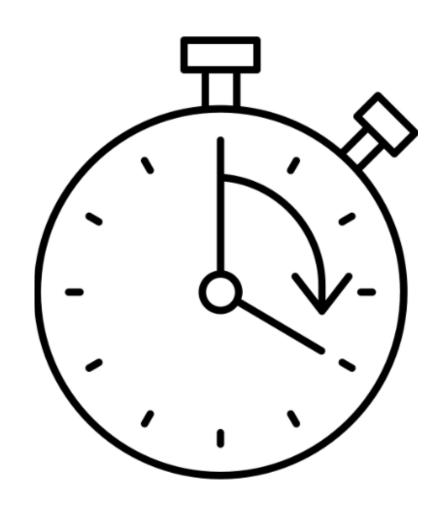
- Speech to inform, inspire, or entertain
- Presentation to educate, inform, or explain in detail
- Pitch to persuade or sell an idea/product/services



Pitch vs Speech vs Presentation

Duration

- Speech varies (5 min to an hour)
- Presentation moderate to long (10 min to an hour or more)
- Pitch: short (usually 1-5 min)

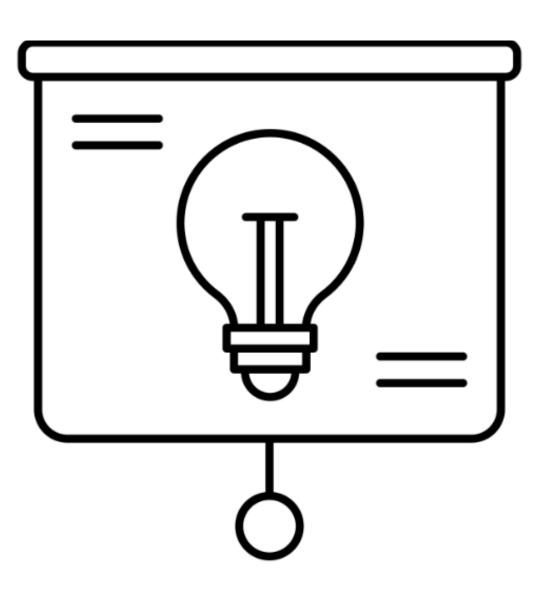


"It takes one hour of preparation for every minute of presentation time"

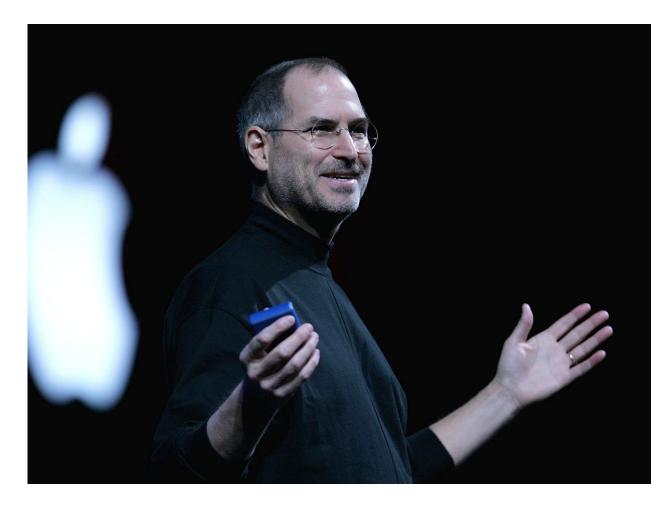
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Pitch vs Speech vs Presentation Style

- Speech engaging, story-driven, often formal
- Presentation structured, with visual aids, detailed information
- Pitch: concise, high-energy, focused on key benefits



Speech Occasions



Speaking at conferences or industry events



Motivational speeches



Award Ceremonies



Graduation ceremonies



Public rallies

Types of Presentations

Why is it important to understand the difference?

- → Keynote presentation
- → Sales presentation
- → Product demonstration
- → Training presentation
- → Project Update
- → Executive briefing

Keynote Presentation

Purpose:

to inspire and set the tone for an event or conference

- High-level and visionary content
- Engaging storytelling



Sales Presentation

Purpose:

to persuade potential clients to purchase a product or service

- address client needs and pain points
- focus on benefits and value proposition
- clear call to action



Product Presentation Demo

Purpose:

to showcase the features and benefits of a product

- live or recorded demonstration
- highlight key functionalities
- interactive Q&A session



Training Presentation

Purpose:

to teach specific skills or knowledge

- step-by-step instructions
- practical examples and exercises
- assessments to check understanding



Project Update Presentation

Purpose:

to provide progress updates on ongoing projects

- current status and milestones
- issues and risks
- next steps and timelines



Executive Briefing

Purpose:

to inform senior management about critical issues

- high-level overview of performance
- strategic insights and recommendations
- focus on key metrics and outcomes



Mistakes to Avoid

- Too much text on one slide
- Cluttered or hard-to-read design
- Reading exactly what is written on the slide



about 10% of people love public speaking and experience no fear, while another 10% are genuinely terrified

"If I had to speak for an hour, I could do it right now. If I had to speak for five minutes, it would take me two weeks to prepare."

Practical Home Assignment

- 1. Chose the type of presentation.
- 2. Specify your audience.
- 3. Study the presentation preparation assistance file with the requirements and tips.
- 4. Create presentation slides and accompanying text.
- 5. Deliver your presentation live or record it, post to our chat and get live or recorded feedback from me.

Q&A



Thank you!

