

Wait, huh, what? There's different types of public presentation!?!?

Yes, there are multiple different types of 4-H public presentation. Below you'll find a brief description of each type. Please remember when you enter it's important you enter the correct category, some types should not include a poster and you might even get marked down for having one. Other types are judged heavily on the quality of your visuals.

The types of talks	What it is...	Example
Illustrated Talk	This type of presentation is to inform, persuade, entertain, and stimulate action or further interest in a topic. Visual aids such as charts, pictures, models, posters, slides, etc. are used to achieve a more vivid impression or stimulate greater audience interest. You may use notes or speak from memory.	A talk on how to clip an animal for show, using a poster.
Demonstration	This type of presentation puts words into actions, showing or telling other people how to do something. You may use notes or speak from memory. This is less dependent on your making a visual aid.	A talk on how to make a pie, and you actually make a pie, demonstrating your abilities as you present.
Formal Speech	This type of presentation is designed to inform, persuade, entertain, and stimulate action or further interest in a topic. Visuals are not used. You may use notes or speak from memory.	A talk on environmental stewardship written by the youth. No visuals are used.
Recitation	This type of presentation is designed to entertain, and or inform and is not written by the 4-H participant, but by another individual. Visuals are not used, but body language and vocal inflection are important. You may use notes or speak from memory- no props.	Our 4-H Belief Statement, or a poem etc.
Dramatic Interpretation	The presenter or team of two delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material (material could also be original). The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, or monologues—dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation by definition, should include props and costumes. Props need to be simple and minimal	“Patrick Henry’s speech Give Me Death or Give Me Liberty”
Impromptu	This type of presentation is for 4-H members 13 years old or older, who have participated in public presentations in the past. Youth will select a topic and will be provided with a few resources that they may use to write their speech. The youth will be given 30 minutes to prepare and their speech should be 5 to 8 minutes long.	Topics may include: How does 4-H help youth to develop character? How could 4-H use technology to grow?

Horse Communications	What it is...	Example
Individual Demonstration	This type of presentation puts words into actions, showing or telling other people how to do something. You may use notes or speak from memory. 9-12 minutes.	A talk on how to clean a saddle, and you actually clean the saddle, demonstrating your abilities as you present.
Team Demonstration	Often used when a topic is too large for one person to cover well along or if one of the goals of the presentation is to provide the audience with several opinions on a topic. 10-15 minutes	Views on Race Horses
Public Speaking	Traditional speech written by the presenter about a topic that is of interest to them. 7-10 minutes	Famous horses and their stories
Video Taped Presentation	20-30 minutes. Work of not more than 10 members, who are solely responsible for camera work, recording of video and audio inputs, all graphic and photographic materials contained in the tape, the development of the script and the narration. At least one individual must present and answer questions from the judges at one of the public speaking presentations.	
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