

Interview Tips & Tools!

1. Think of yourself as belonging to the science community. You are sharing your ideas among colleagues	4. Communicate in a natural manner, not rushed, perhaps just a bit slower than usual. Give each idea its moment in the sun.	7. Allow questions and comments to guide the direction of your presentation. Pause from time to time to allow for dialogue!
2. Find a way to get physically comfortable with yourself just before you begin. Breathe easily!	5. Let your opening start with a BIG IDEA , then connect it to your research topic. Place your project into context!	8. If you don't know, use the moment to think out loud with your colleagues. Show the quality of your thinking process!
3. Draw from what you know by heart- so that it doesn't sound overly "memorized." Speak from your place of confidence!	6. Provide a brief overview of highlights, like an abstract or a movie trailer. <u>Excite</u> your audience about your project!	9. Used sparingly, humor, charm, and eye contact may help you connect with your colleagues. Stay focused on the science story!

Remember that this is an interview. Look professional!

When interviewed be sure to allow yourself time to get there and to relax! Your interview itself is only about **8 minutes**. You will be asked to be at your project early and to stay a few minutes after!

✓ *To find your interview time(s) look on the back of the name card at your project location!*

Who will interview you?

- ✓ They are scientists in the field, teachers, retired scientists, etc.
 - They have seen (and maybe read) your Abstract!
 - They have reviewed your board!
 - They are prepared with questions!



What questions might be asked?

Remember that every group/person will have their own favorite questions... here are the most logical ones, *and some of my favorites!*

- ✓ Why did you choose this experiment?
- ✓ What is the significance of this project to your life?
- ✓ What were your variables?
- ✓ What were your controls?
- ✓ How did you make sure to run a fair (controlled) experiment?
- ✓ What were your significant findings? (Results)
- ✓ What formulas did you use?
- ✓ Did your results match your research?
- ✓ How did you use your research? (Did you research?)
- ✓ Did you have any discrepant events? (Weird results that didn't fit the trend?)
- ✓ What further results/experiments might you now be interested in doing?
- ✓ Partners... you BOTH/ALL have to talk!!