

Project Assignment Using PowerPoint

“One Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!”

After working done the cloze exercise “When the Iceberg Arrives” and the vocabulary cloze exercise “Will Deserts Drink Icebergs?” you are asked to present a project.

- Work together with a partner. Find a real, serious, ongoing project on the Web.
- Prepare four slides. Write your names on the first slide (first names first and then surnames). Include the date, your group number and your teacher's name: “Supervisor: Mr./Ms./Mrs. X”.
- **Prepare 3 to 4 minutes for the oral presentation.** Expect questions after the presentation.
- **Advice:** Place words (not sentences) with important facts and figures next to parts of your slides as your only memory aid.
- Use a spell checker; watch how you write numbers and dates. Then send your slideshow to your teacher for final verification. It must be perfect—no big errors projected on the screen!
- **Smile and be entertaining!**
- **Do not forget to say in the introduction,** “*As you probably know by now my name is..., and I am very proud to present this project with my partner...*”
- Start off with a real “ICEBREAKER”! Formulate a question. Here are some suggestions:
Did you know that...? Could you ever imagine...? Will we one day solve the problem of...?
- End with: *In conclusion we would like to say...* Then pause for the applause before asking, “*Do you have any questions?*”

You are required to follow this procedure and to include as many of the following structures as possible. You will be judged on your ability to use them in your presentation:

1. **The initial situation / the problem,** e.g. *the country is mostly desert; there is a problem to be solved, which involves...* (Verb + ING)
2. **The proposed solution:** *We (or Engineers) are planning to...* (+ Infinitive)
Engineers suggest... (Verb + ING) / *They intend to ...* (+ Infinitive)
3. **Requirements:** *We will need...*
4. **Steps to be taken:** *Firstly, secondly, thirdly, we will have to... / Engineers must ... / When they find... they will... or When they have found..., they will have to... / The work will (would) involve...* (Verb + ING)
5. **The length of the project:** *It will take... (days, months or years) to carry out this project.*
6. **The cost of the project:** *Expenses are estimated at... / Costs should amount to X dollars.*
7. **Problems, dangers, obstacles:** *Incidents may / might happen (or occur)*
8. **Precautions to be envisaged** (use only 1 or 2 expressions): *To avoid doing... / for fear of... +ING) / to stop something / someone from doing something / to prevent (keep) someone from doing something*
9. **Final result:** *This would mean... / We will be able to... / This will enable us to...*
10. **The conclusion:** *In conclusion, what we hope to achieve is the following: we wish to...*
11. **And of course:** “*Thank you for your attention*” and “*Would anyone like to ask a question?*” / “*Does anyone have a question?*” / “*Do you have any questions?*”