When The Seats Are Empty: Tips for Virtual Presentations

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ZOOM Fatigue

“Should we schedule our next Zoom meeting or just hit ourselves repeatedly in the head with a hammer.”

-Tom Fishburne
Most pre-pandemic research presentations

Virtual research presentations

Presentation effectiveness

Most pre-pandemic research presentations

The best research presentation ever
Challenge 1

Being put in a little box

Here I am!
Challenge 2

is anybody out there?
Challenge 3

Extra distraction
Virtual learning can be more effective than in-person learning.

https://bit.ly/32cvTfA
Tip 1: Engage!

Polling

Breakout rooms

Make a prediction

Tip 2: Adjust your font size

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Tip 3: Cameras on!
Tip 4: Try not to wing it!
Tip 5: Tell a Story

Facts → Contradiction → Resolution
Tip 6: Keep slide design simple
Increased accessibility to science

More effective learning

Better management of anxiety

The Silver Lining
Resources for You

*Houston, We Have a Narrative* by Randy Olson

*Slide:ology* by Nancy Duarte

*Presentation Zen* by Garr Reynolds

Science Storytelling

Slide Design
THANKS!

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