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"Communication Survey"

View your presentation and rate yourself in the skill areas listed below. The scale is 1 (never) to 5 (always). Not all questions will pertain to your videotape but to communication in general.

No.	Skill Areas	Today's date:	Date in 4 weeks:
1.	Presence	Rating	Rating
	 Did I make a good impression within the first 2 seconds of my presentation? 		
	 Was I grounded physically in my stance so that my posture was good and I portrayed confidence when I spoke? 		
	 Did I try to maintain eye contact with the person with whom I spoke? 		
	 Do I typically move freely and confidently so that the space I occupy is my own? 		
	Were my gestures natural when I spoke?		
	 Does my body remain relaxed and poised during challenging situations? 		
	• Do I have a firm and genuine handshake?		
	Subtotal:		
2.	Voice and Speech		
	• Did I like the sound of my voice?		
	• Do I project my voice so that I am heard by a group or audience?		
	 Do I try to speak slowly especially when I am nervous or challenged? 		
	 Did my breathing remain relaxed and lower in my rib cage when I spoke? 		
	 Do I relax my throat and jaw so that my pitch stays lower and strong when I am tense, excited or angry? 		
	 Did I and do I typically inflect the ends of my sentences 		
	downward and not upward as if asking a question?		
	Did I articulate clearly when I spoke?		
	Subtotal:		
3.	Message		
	Was my message organized, clear and succinct?		
	 Did I insert only a few fillers such as um, er, like, so, and well? 		
	 Do I assert myself verbally when challenged or criticized? 		
	 Do I check my emails for spelling and grammatical errors? 		
	 Do I have a good elevator pitch (introduce myself well)? 		
	 Am I good at initiating conversation in social situations? 		
	Subtotal:		
4.	Presentation		
	Is my topic typically of interest to the audience?		
	 Did I engage the listener at the start of my presentation by telling 		
	a story, asking a question, using a prop, stating a fact ,highlighting an event, etc.?		
	 Do I care more about sharing information with the audience than how I look? 		
	 Did I clearly pronounce technical words during my presentation? 		



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	• Did I close my presentation powerfully so that my message will be remembered?	
	 Can I can gather my thoughts and speak proficiently in impromptu speaking situations? 	
	Subtotal:	
5.	Preparation/Anxiety	
	 Do I breathe rather than hold my breath when I'm under pressure or challenged? 	
	• Did I practice my talk out loud before I videotaped it?	
	 Do I anticipate questions or topics about which I may be asked to speak during meetings? 	
	 Did I schedule enough time to research and develop my presentation? 	
	• Did I control my anxiety prior to and during my presentation?	
	Am I a good listener?	
	Subtotal:	
	TOTAL: Perfect score is 160	

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