Presentation practice

CREATE VISUALS BY SUMMARISING INFORMATION ONTO A NUMBER OF SLIDES

Think back to the first few weeks of class. What skills did you learn about writing a summary?

Using the reading and writing skills you've learned, underline the most important information in the paragraph below.

Problems and Solutions for the E-waste Crisis

Pollution from technological innovation is a significant problem. Each year, an increasing number of electronic devices such as mobile phones, laptops, tablets, and digital cameras are thrown away. For example, in 2012, China had more than 11.1 million tons of e-waste, with the United States following closely behind at 10 million tons (Vidal, 2013). E-waste is harmful because most electronic devices contain hazardous, toxic chemicals like lead and mercury. Unfortunately, the problem of e-waste also seems to be getting worse. Research shows that there is approximately 50 million tons of e-waste every year (Jefferies, 2014). To solve this issue, many have stressed the need for recycling. Another solution to reduce e-waste is to have technology companies adopt a business model where electronic devices are rented instead of purchased (Nield, 2016). Others believe that the metals and other materials used in disposed electronic devices should be recovered to make new products."

Procedure

1. Working with your partner or team, decide which information you will select to "summarise" the main ideas to your audience

2. Decide how will you organise this information so your audience can easily understand your explanations

3. Use the PowerPoint slide template and notes worksheet to outline your ideas and then, develop your information into a short PowerPoint presentation

   PPT template: aquascript.com/presentation-skills/

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