Introduction to Sound Scripting

Task 1: Read the introduction to the presentation. Who is talking? What are they talking about?

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Task 2: Sound Scripting

We can 'sound script' our presentation to help us present it. There are 4 steps.

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Task 3: Presentation Practice

Prepare a three-point presentation about how to make your hometown a better place to live.

Only prepare the talk, do <u>not</u> prepare any slides or visual aids.

Use the three-point presentation script.

Write out your script.

Then sound script it, as above.

Then practice your presentation with a partner.

Then present your presentation to the class or group.

Or record your presentation as an audio file and send it to your teacher for feedback.