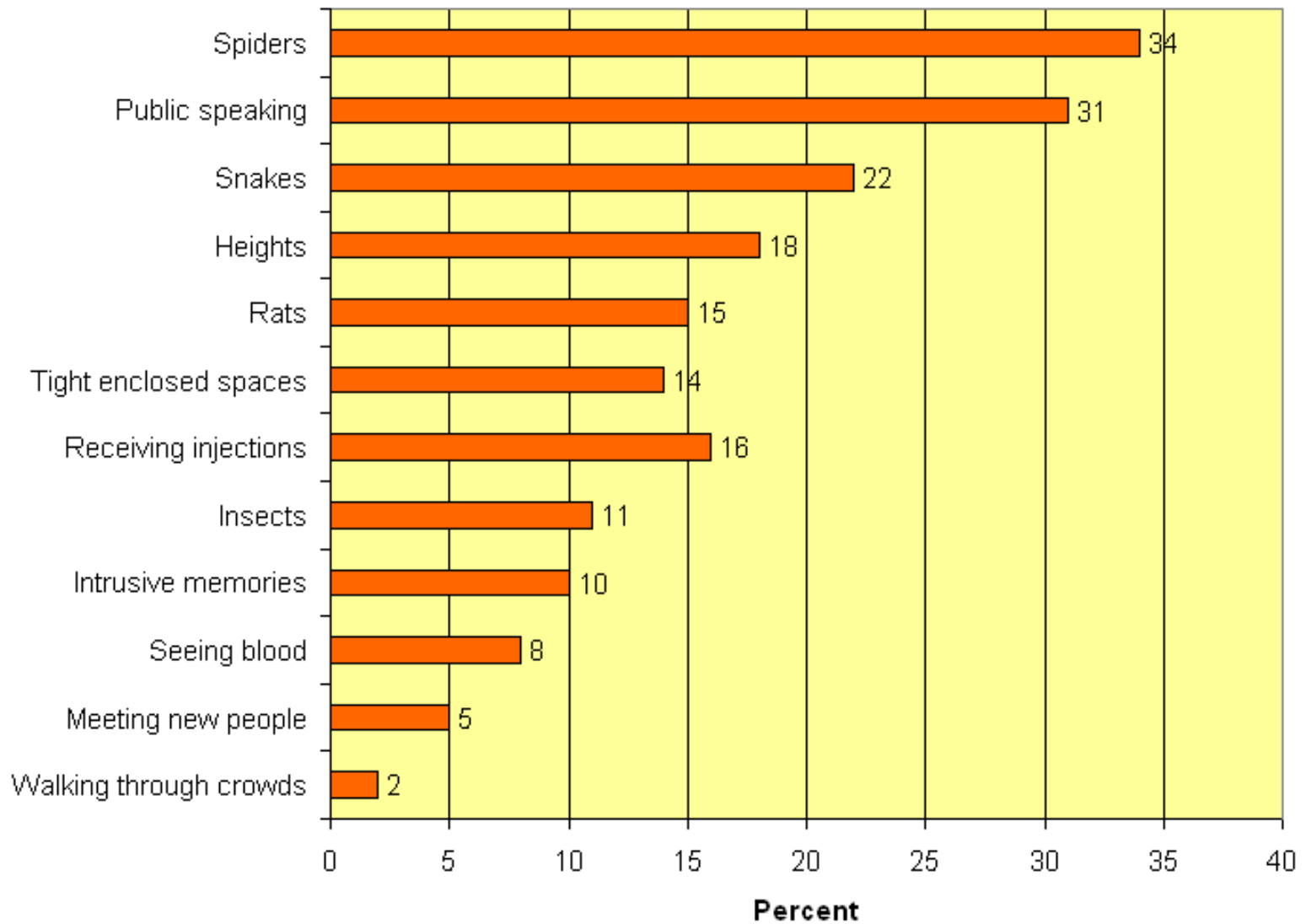

Effective Oral Research Presentations

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Severe or significant fears from Seim and Spates 2010



Before the Presentation



- ▶ Plan, practice, revise, practice, practice....
- ▶ Avoid last minute panics- save the presentation in multiple places!
- ▶ Take a break
- ▶ Be on time/ early
- ▶ Organize notes
- ▶ Check your powerpoint for typos, etc.
- ▶ Save, save, save!



Personal Qualities of Effective Speakers

- ▶ Act confident (even if you aren't)
- ▶ Stand up straight! (source: everybody's mother)
- ▶ Don't giggle
- ▶ Watch the ums, ahs, "like you know", etc.
- ▶ Look at the audience
- ▶ Project your voice (practice)
- ▶ Dress nicely! It makes a difference in how you feel
- ▶ BE YOURSELF- make a connection with audience



Key Points of Presentations

- ▶ Introduce yourself!
- ▶ Oral presentations are concise
- ▶ Well planned- don't wing it! (but it is ok to be extemporaneous.)
- ▶ Know your audience and follow convention
- ▶ Define your terms and avoid acronyms
- ▶ Use an outline and notes to help you stay on track
- ▶ Everyone knows this... Don't read the slides
- ▶ Everyone does this... reads their slides sometimes



Using Powerpoint- Ugh!

What NOT to Do

- ▶ We hate powerpoint but can't seem to get away from it.
- ▶ Use it as a tool – an outline
- ▶ Don't skip outlines!
- ▶ Keep the print large enough to read from a distance.
- ▶ Use professional font and designs- stay away from the cuteness.
- ▶ Keep text simple, fill in with narrative.

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Outline for a Research Presentation

▶ Introduction

- ▶ Key question/topic/hypothesis
- ▶ Purpose (what you want to accomplish)
- ▶ Background (scope and context)

▶ Literature Review

- ▶ Summary of key ideas or themes

▶ Methods

- ▶ Data collection methods
- ▶ Sampling methods

▶ Data Organization and Analysis

- ▶ Overview of process for organizing and analyzing data



Outline Continued

▶ Results or Findings

- ▶ Report without interpretation in this section
- ▶ Use visuals (graphs, figures, charts, etc.)
- ▶ Label according to APA format

▶ Discussion

- ▶ Interpret results
 - ▶ Connect with literature
 - ▶ Limitations
 - ▶ Implications for practice (in applied fields)
 - ▶ Implications for future research
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Final Slides

- ▶ References
- ▶ Contact Information
- ▶ Thank the audience!
- ▶ Relax!!!
- ▶ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLvI8TzBLno>



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Questions?

