

Critique of “Go Glasses!”

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In this critique we would like to respond to the presentation titled “Go Glasses!” by Taro Tanaka and Shotaro Suzuki on May 10, 2015. The presentation offered reasons that people should wear glasses instead of contact lenses, but it had several problems that we would like to mention. Overall, in spite of being reasonably well done, several aspects should be improved in future presentations.

First, Mr. Tanaka asserted that glasses are more fashionable and are very much fashion accessories. To support this, he showed a series of pictures of famous people wearing glasses. Second, Mr. Suzuki explained that glasses are cheaper than contact lenses. He used a large table to show that glasses often cost more initially but that over the a longer period (say, five years), the ongoing cost of contacts becomes much more expensive than a single pair of glasses. Finally, they assert that glasses are more convenient than contact lenses, noting that taking off one’s glasses takes only a second.

The presenters’ oral presentation skills were good. Both spoke confidently and in strong voices, and they maintained good eye contact with the audience. However, the PowerPoint was not done as well. There were several spelling mistakes, and with no contents slide the organization was difficult to follow. Moreover, the presenters used a laser pointer when explaining their table, which should be avoided. Finally, the two presenters did not ask for questions.

Overall, the presentation was an interesting look at the glasses-contacts debate, and the fashion, cost, and convenience of glasses were explained reasonably well. However, the PowerPoint should have been done better. In the future the presenters should follow the required format more carefully and consider using animated boxes or arrows to highlight on-screen points. Finally, in the future a question-and-answer section should be included.