

Self-Critique of “Go Glasses!”

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In this critique we would like to critique our presentation titled “Go Glasses!” This was given 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, we believe several aspects should be improved in future presentations.

First, Kenji 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, Shotaro 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, we both asserted that glasses are more convenient than contact lenses, noting that taking off one’s glasses takes only a second.

We felt that our oral presentation skills were satisfactory. We both are confident speakers with strong voices, and we tried to maintain good eye contact with our audience. However, in hindsight our PowerPoint was not done well. We noticed several spelling mistakes, and we forgot to include a contents slide. Moreover, we used a laser pointer when explaining our table, but it was mentioned in class that laser pointers should be avoided. Finally, we forgot to ask for questions.

Overall, we felt our presentation was an interesting look at the glasses-contacts debate, and we explained our main points about the fashion, cost, and convenience of glasses. However, our PowerPoint should have been done better. In the future we will follow the required format more carefully and consider using animated boxes or arrows to highlight on-screen points. Finally, in the future we will certainly include a question-and-answer section.