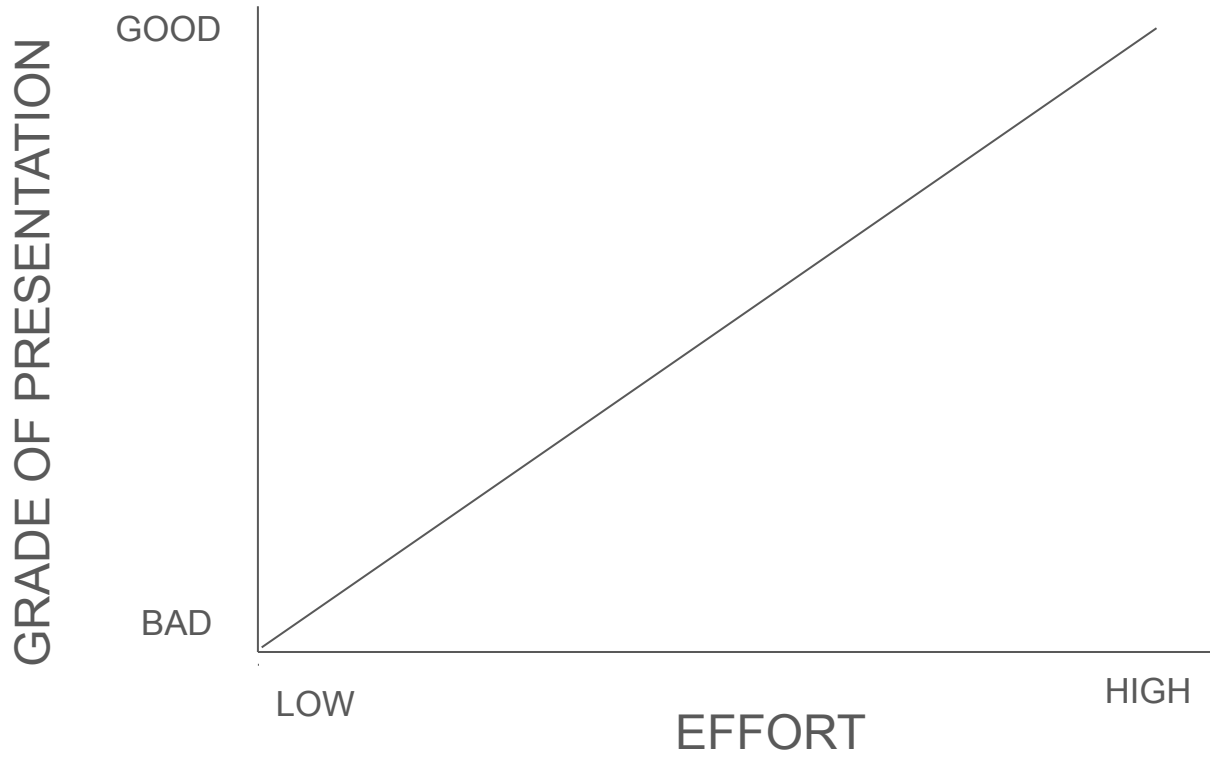


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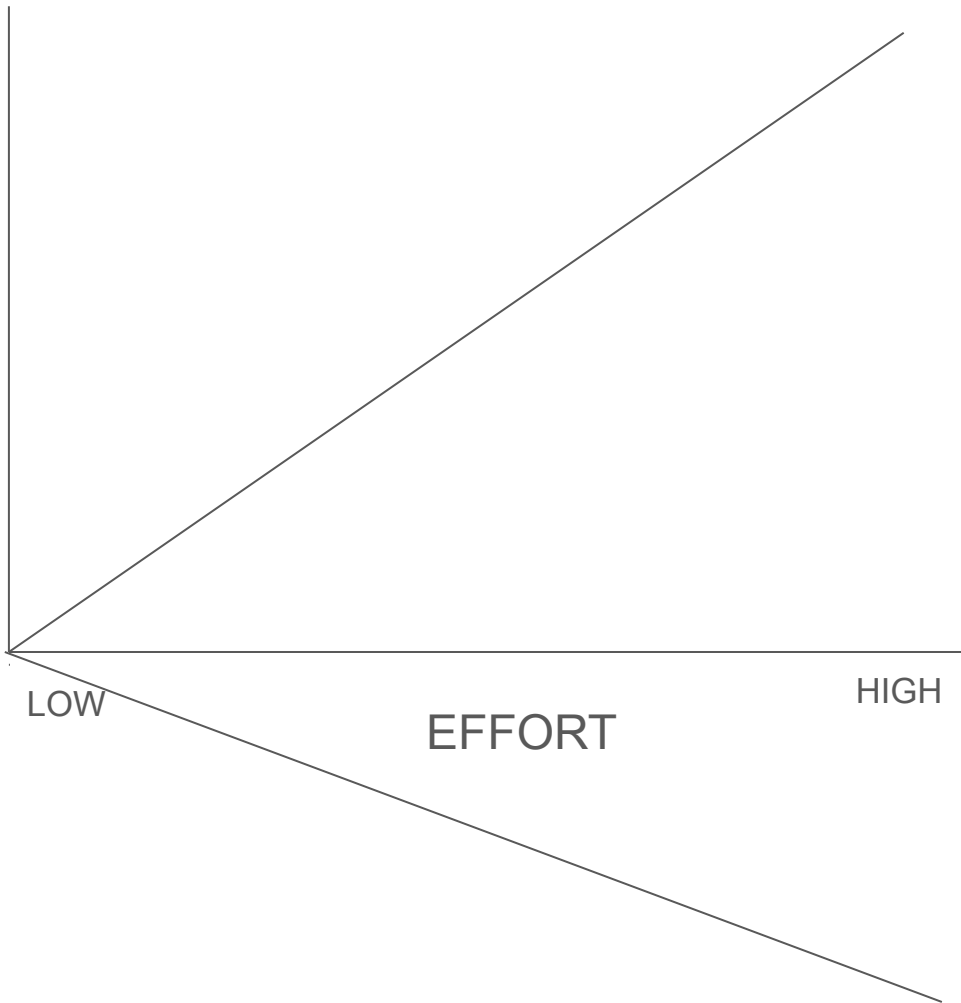
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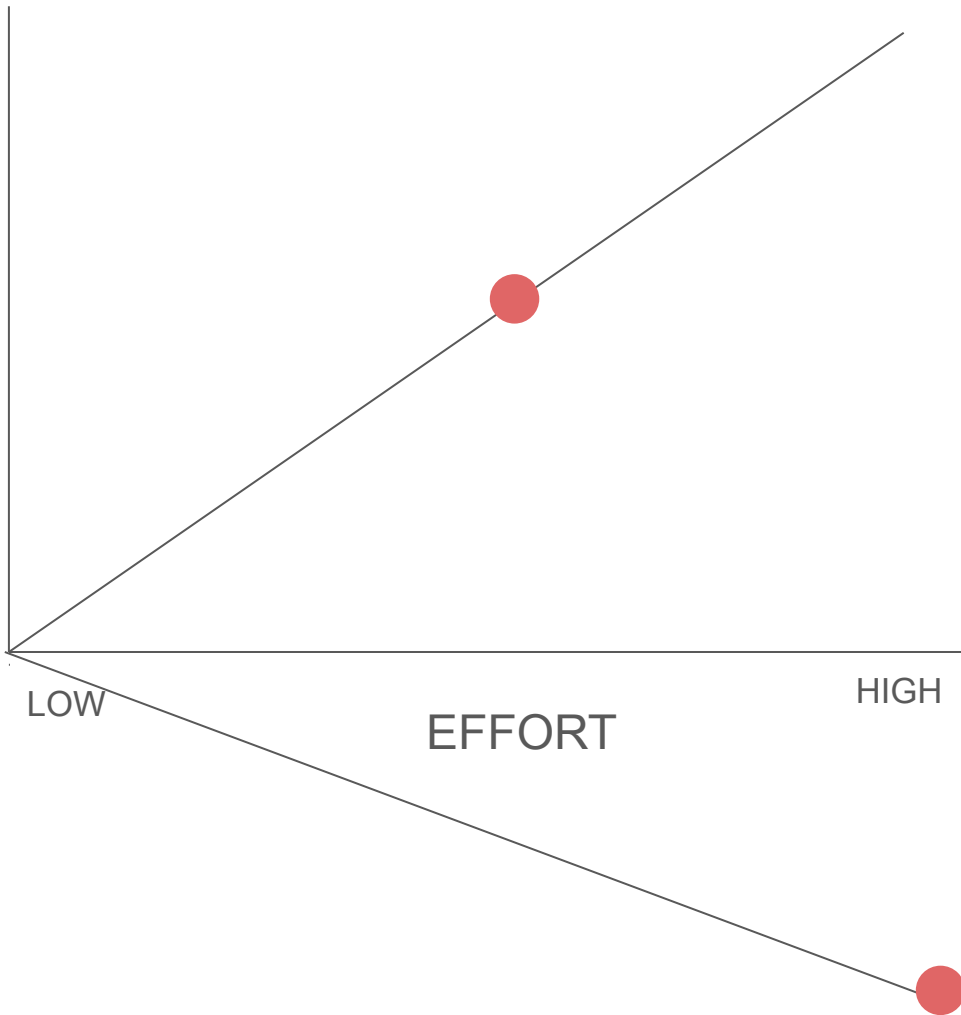
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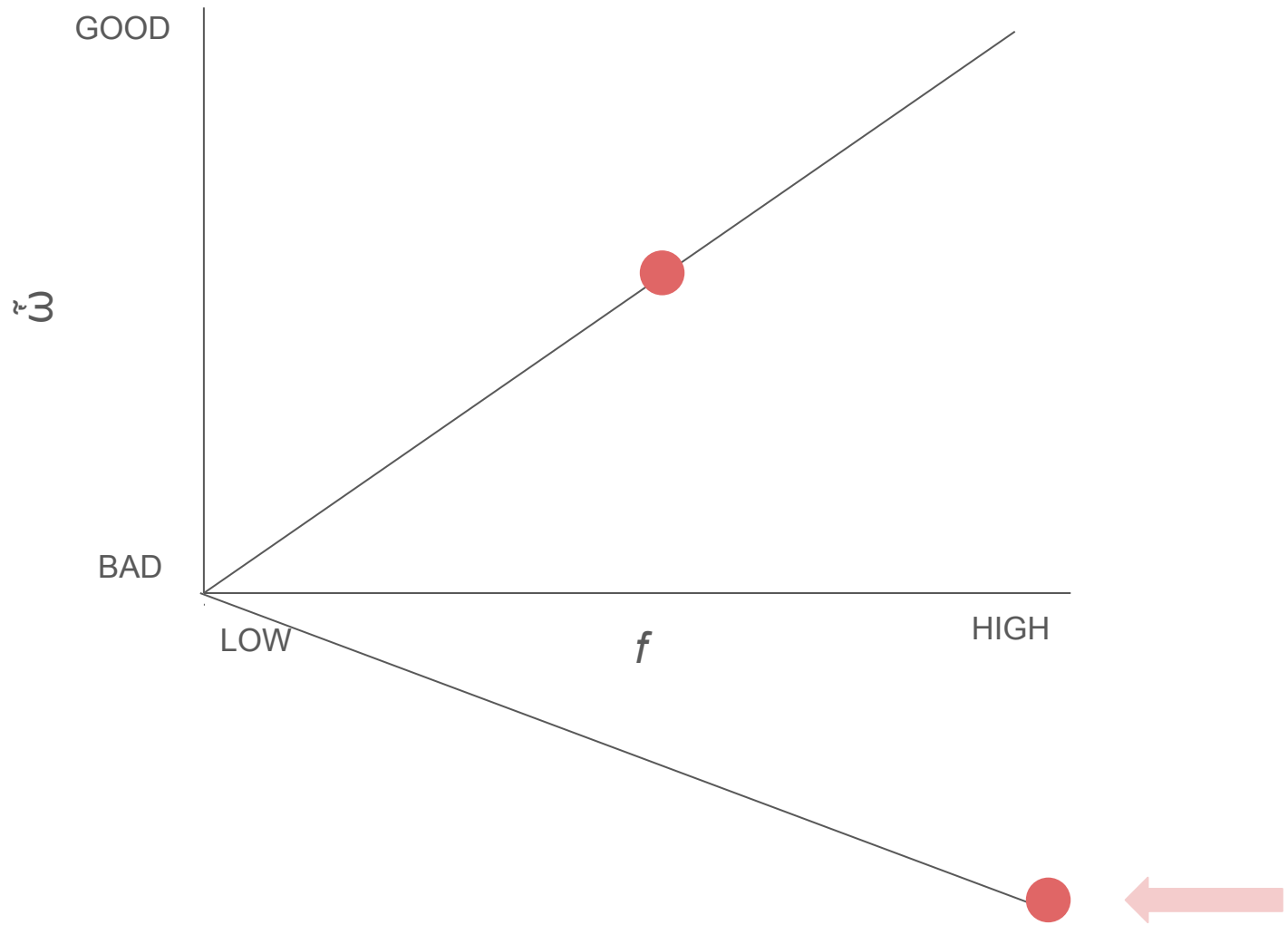
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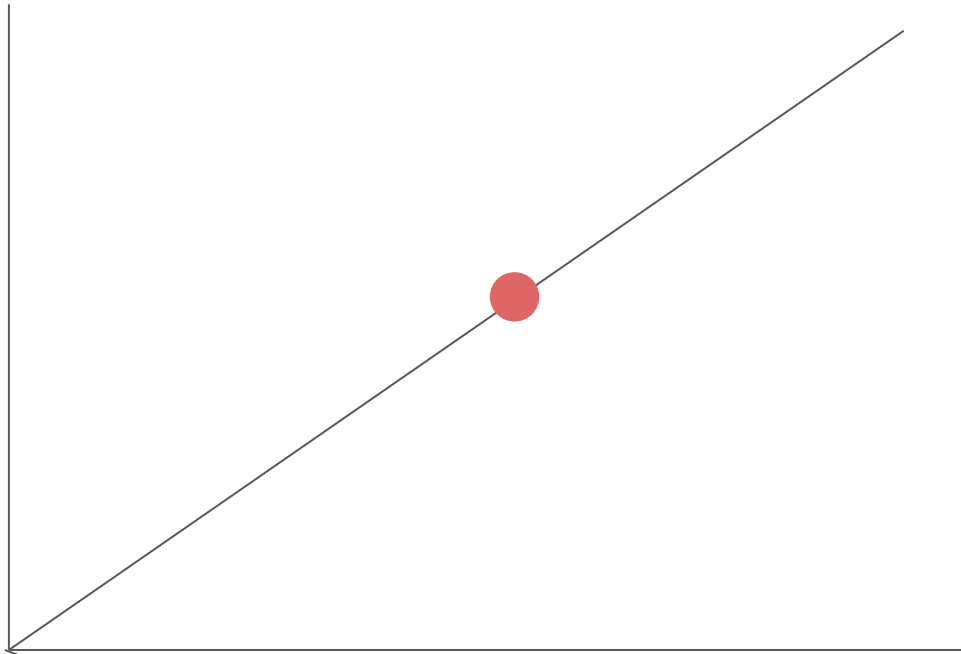
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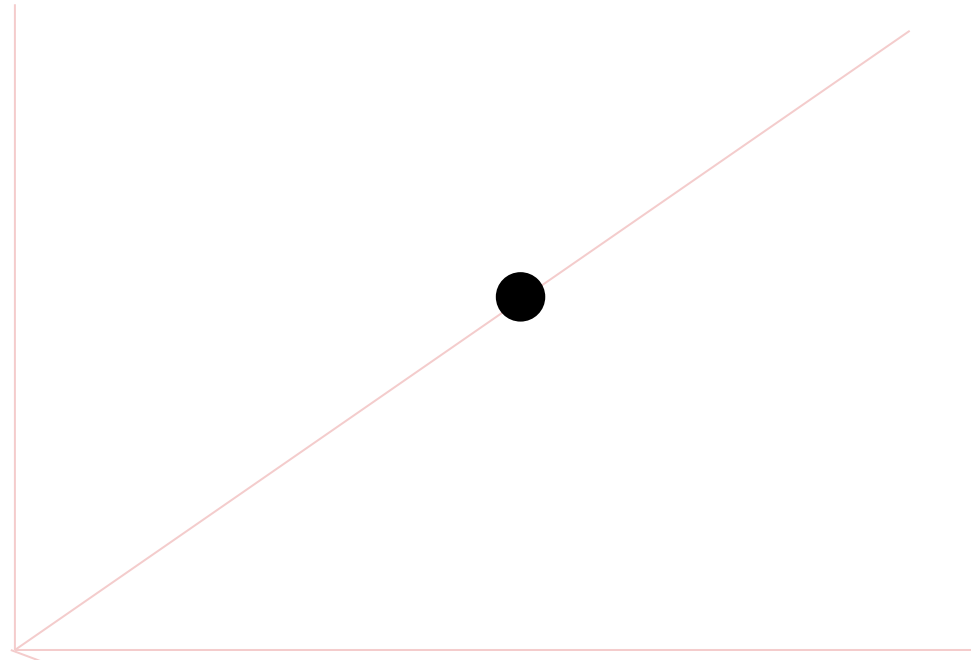
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Less isn't more. More is more. You probably need to add more

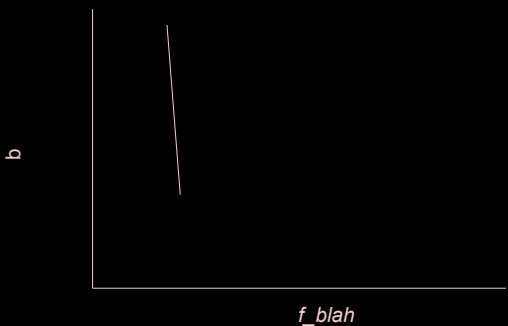
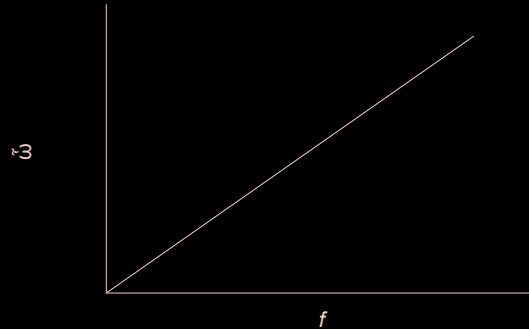
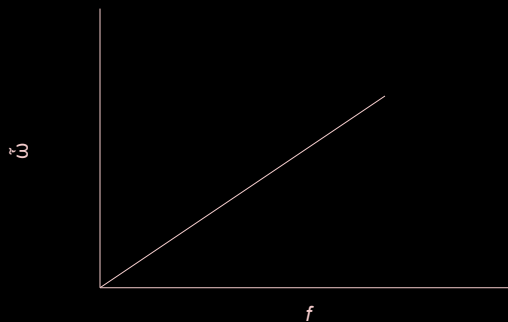
Show lots of equations.

Bonus points if they are:

- all on one slide
- niche
- unexplained
- unreferenced

Understand your audience. Then willfully mislead them and confuse things.

“As you all know, {insert made up fact}”



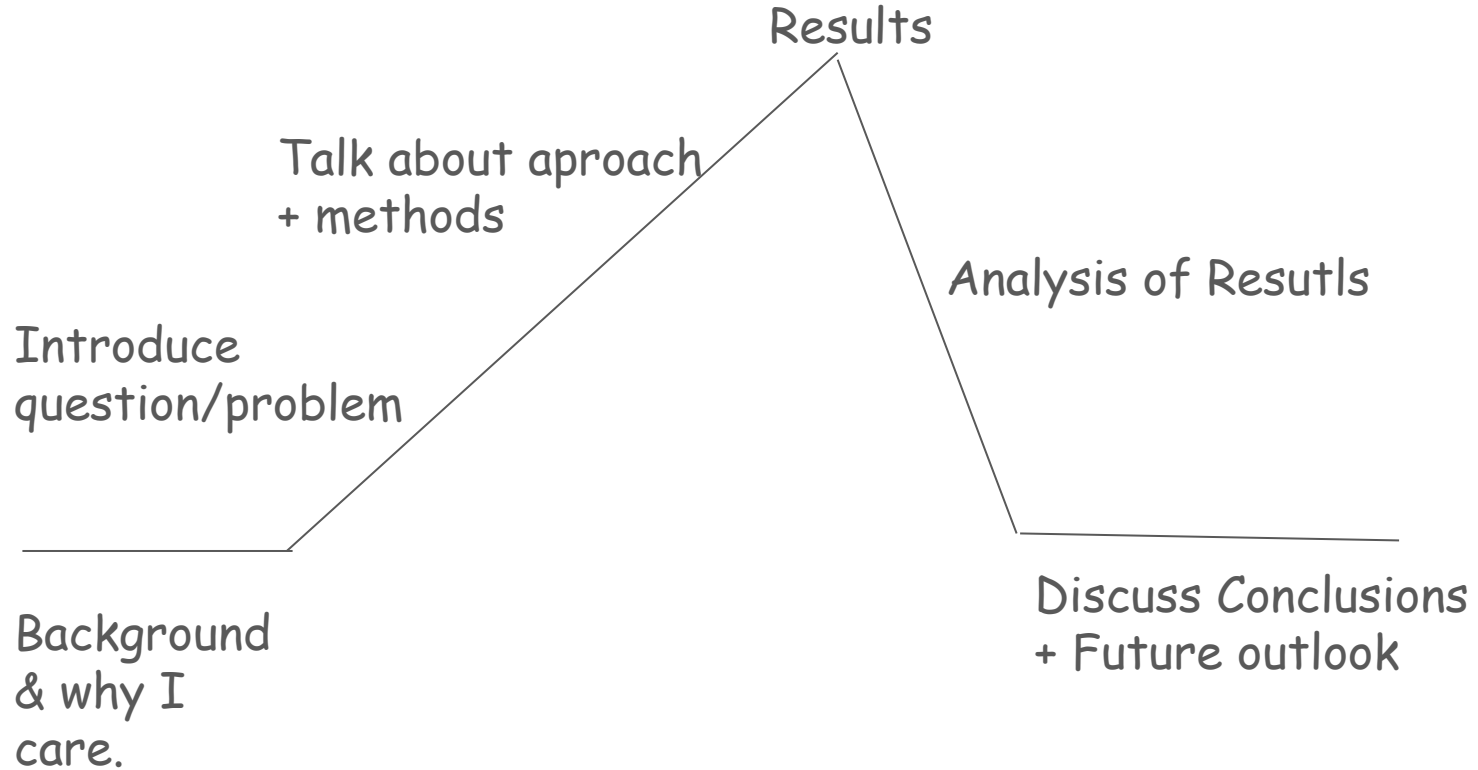
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SO NOW WE ALL KIND OF KNOW WHAT GOOD AND BAD SLIDES LOOK LIKE. A COMMON CRITIQUE IS “TOO MUCH TEXT” AND FOR GOOD REASON. PEOPLE CAN EITHER LISTEN TO YOU TALK, OR THEY CAN READ. THEY CAN’T DO BOTH. SO IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TEXT ON YOUR SLIDE, THEY AREN’T GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. MAYBE IF YOU ORGANIZE THINGS RIGHT YOU CAN GET THEM TO READ ALONG AS YOU SPEAK BUT MORE THAN LIKELY, YOU’RE SCRIPT ISN’T GOING TO FOLLOW WHAT’S ON THE SLIDE.

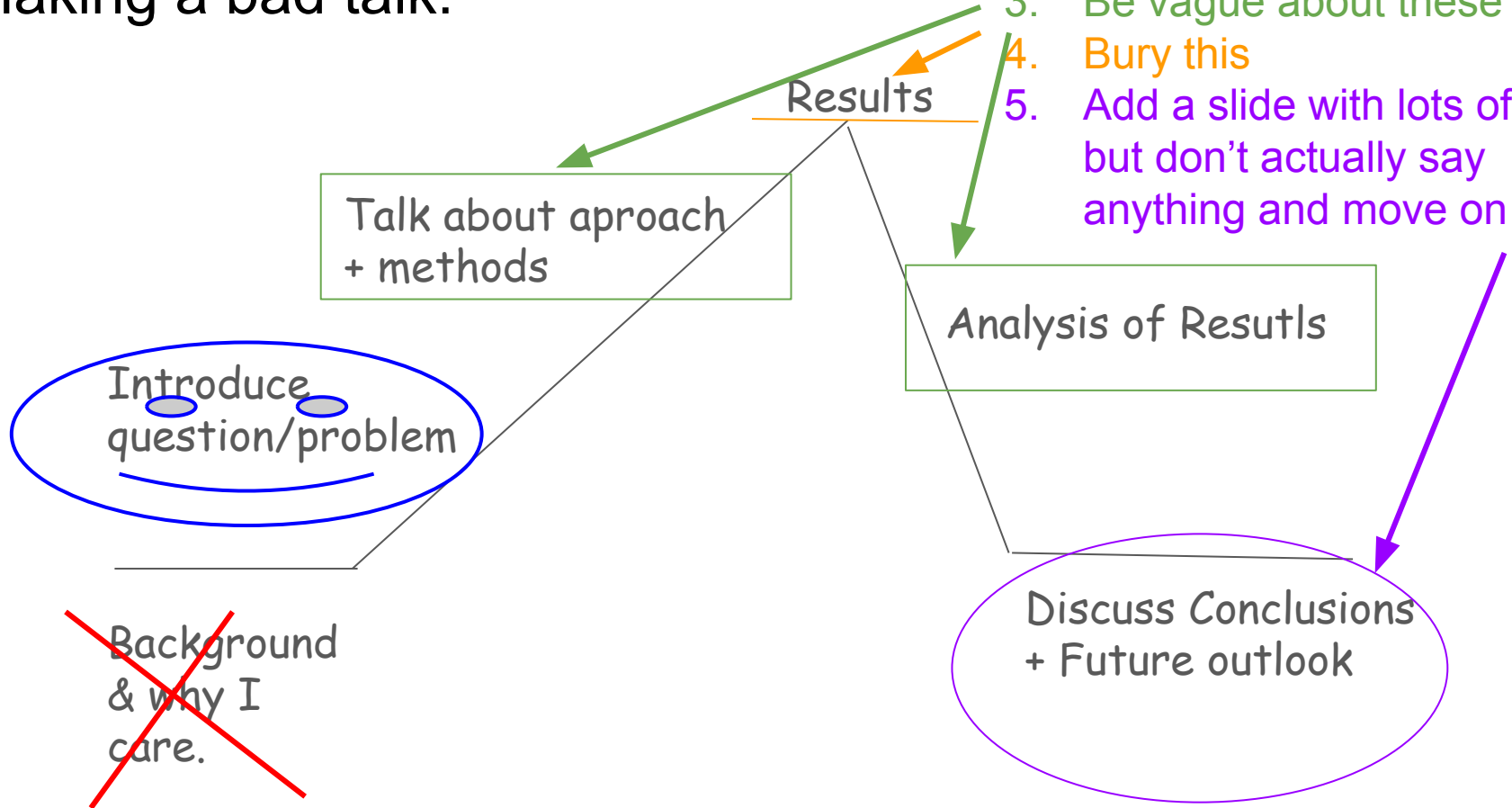
THEY SAY A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS
SO FOR EVERY PICTURE YOU SHOW. THATS A
THOUSAND WORDS YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO FIT INTO
YOUR PRESENTATION. SO LIKE YOU'RE STARTING OUT
WITH -1000 WORDS. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I
DON'T WANT TO STAND THEIR SILENTLY WHILE I SHOW
A BUNCH OF PICTURES. IF YOU DO SHOW A PICTURE
YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT OR INTERPRET IT AT ALL.
ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE AUDIENCE
IN THAT SENSE SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

Good talks tend to tell a story ... for astronomers this looks like:



Making a bad talk:

1. Make me NOT care
2. Obscure the question
3. Be vague about these
4. Bury this
5. Add a slide with lots of text but don't actually say anything and move on



~~Background
& why I
care.~~

Presentation Notes

Don't look at the audience → solves moderator problem

Go overtime!

Dress to impress! Wear a distracting large hat or noisy accessories.

Tap shoes?

Be lively! Dance around.

Try different voices!

Make inside jokes/references, someone in the room might get it!

Maximize Distractions

Even the little ones like filler words

like

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The more you add the more people in the audience will notice!

Questions?

Don't take them.

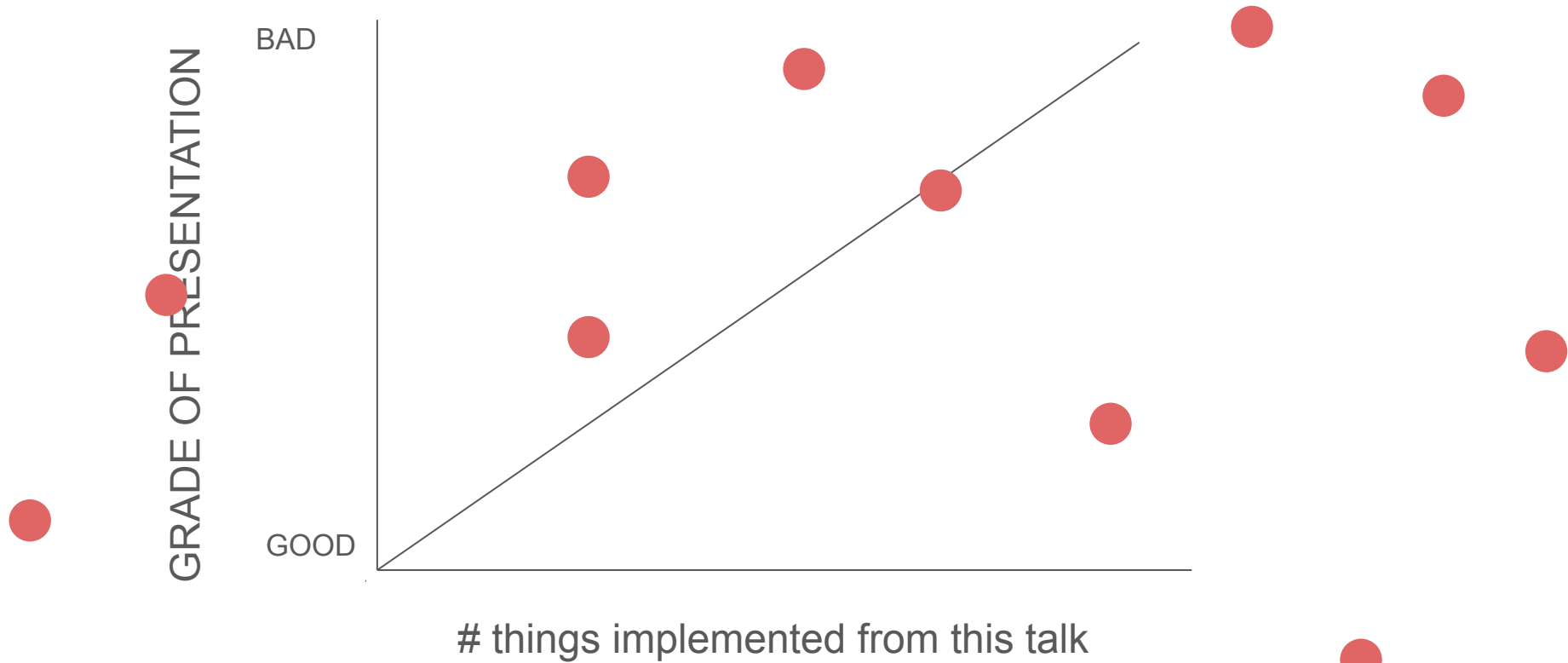
Argue the point.

Memorise helpful phrases like:

“Do you even know what you're asking?”

&

“You got me.”

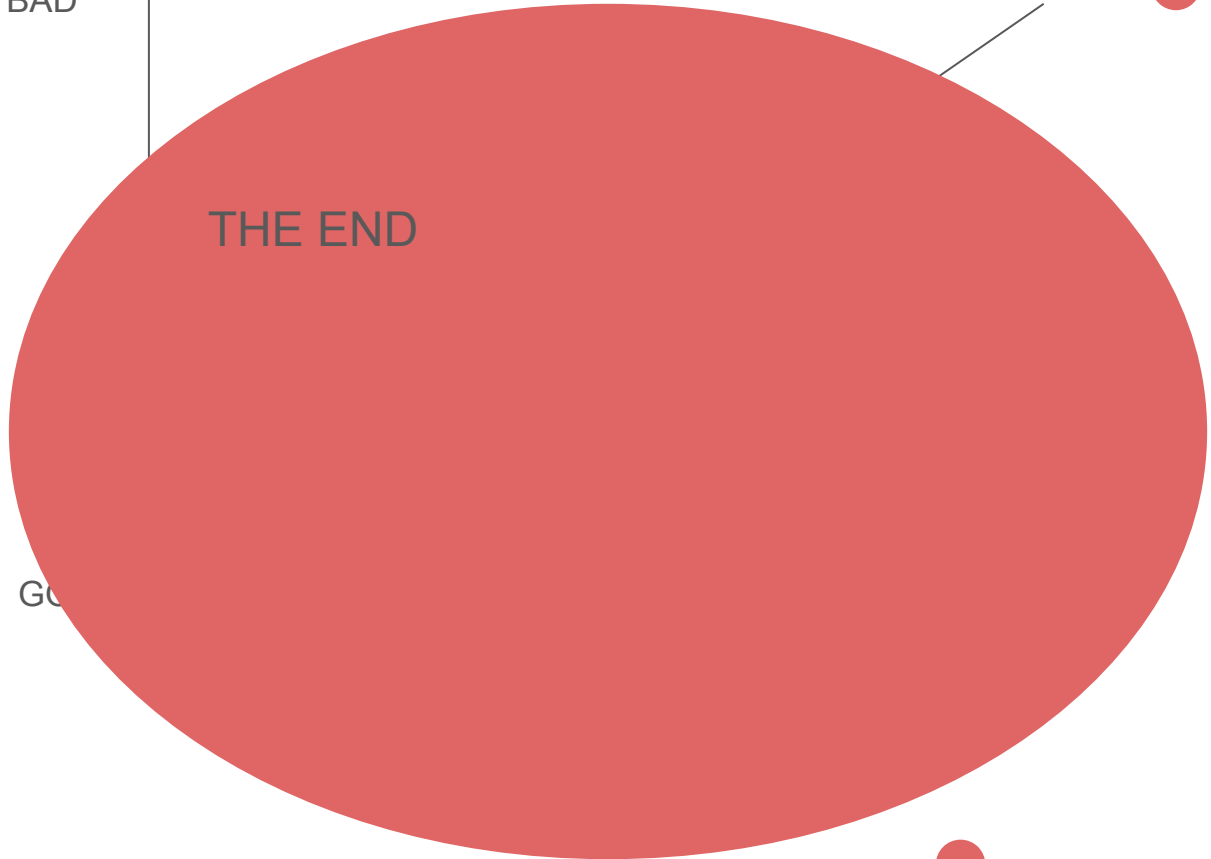


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