

EXAMPLE 1 - Topic you are brainstorming: Engineer's PowerPoint Presentations:

For this specific topic what “Normal (Norm) Statements” come to mind when you consider the topic (or sub-topic):

<p><u>Initial Norm statements:</u></p> <p>Write down brief “<u>Accepted Norm</u>” statements <u>based on your selected topic</u></p>	<p><u>Contrary Point of View Brainstorming Using Template Questions:</u></p> <p>Apply the template questions below to the “Norm” Statement to the left</p>	<p><u>Contrary Point of View Humor</u></p> <p>This is where the humor is exposed.</p> <p>1) Set-Up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concise b. Specific <p>2) Punchline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concise b. Example c. Act Out d. Punch-word at end
<p><u>Norm Statement #1:</u></p> <p>Engineers are criticized for “Death by PowerPoint” presentations</p>	<p><u>Contrary Point of View:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the positives? • What if this was a good thing? • What if the opposite was true? • What if this was applied to another person in another place (or to an animal etc.)? 	<p>Set-Up Norm: I used to <u>hate</u> when my engineer coworker Nigel would read from his PowerPoint slides with his back turned to the audience?</p> <p>Turning his back to the audience was a good thing...</p> <p>Punchline – Contrary Point of View: Some of us were able to sneak out without him noticing.</p> <p>NOTE: Act-out sneaking out of the room</p>
<p><u>Norm Statement #2:</u></p> <p>Engineers are criticized for “Death by PowerPoint” presentations.</p>	<p><u>Contrary Point of View:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the positives? • What if this was a good thing? • What if the opposite was true? • What if this was applied to another person in another place (or to an animal etc.)? 	<p>Set-Up Norm: I <u>hate</u> when my engineer friend Nigel uses a laser pointer to bounce from word to word on his PowerPoint slides.</p> <p>Scientific research has shown this is a good audience engagement strategy...</p> <p>Punchline – Contrary Point of View: If your audience members are...cats!</p> <p>NOTE: Act-out cats pawing the air trying to catch the laser dot)</p>