PowerPoint Presentation Rules

- 1. Paper Requirements. Carefully follow Customer's instructions while creating a PPT.
- **2. Bullet points.** The text on slides should be presented in **bullet points**. A bullet point should not necessarily be a full sentence, but rather a short phrase/clause stating one idea/point.
- **3. Parallel structure.** All bullet points within one slide should have the same structure:
 - if the 1st bullet point starts with a **verb**, then the rest of the bullet points should start with **verbs**
 - if the 1st bullet point is a **full sentence**, then the rest of the bullet points should be **full sentences**
 - see the following links for better understanding of parallelism:
 - http://www.slideshare.net/editage/lists-of-bullet-points-maintaining-a-parallel-structure
 - https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/mechanics/parallel_structure.html
- **4. Background.** It should correspond to the topic. It should not be a photo. Text should be easy to read.
- **5. Pictures.** Any PPT should be eye-catching and interesting. There must be **pictures of good quality** or **charts/graphs**. They should be relevant and correspond to/support the point made. To find <u>free pictures</u>, you are more than welcome to use the links below:
 - https://unsplash.com
 - https://pixabay.com/
 - https://www.pexels.com/uk-ua/
 - https://www.freeimages.com/
 - https://www.everypixel.com/
- **6. Speaker Notes.** Customer may order **speaker notes to slides** as an additional paid service. They should be placed below the slides. Speaker notes tell the speaker what to say during the presentation. Usually, they should be around 100-150 words per slide.

NB! Speaker notes refer to a paid option. Writers must ask for compensation if they did not get a payment for speaker notes. Send a clarification message to the Customer <u>right after taking the order</u>.



- 7. Tables/Graphs/Charts. If any of these are present in the PPT, they should be titled and properly cited:
 - https://libguides.jcu.edu.au/apa/images/assignmentshttps://guides.unitec.ac.nz/apareferencing/images-tables-figures
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8. Formatting

Pay attention to the following:

- **Font.** Make sure the **font** used in PPT is of adequate <u>size and color</u>. It should be easy to read on the chosen background. For more details check the following link:
- http://csee-scee.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/TalkHints.pdf
- Indentation. Carefully check indentation:
- ✓ title/subtitles and bullet points should be properly positioned;
- ✓ title/subtitles should not merge with the bullet points;
- ✓ text should <u>not go beyond</u> the layout margins;
- ✓ text should <u>not be hidden</u> behind the pictures.
- **Language formatting.** The text <u>should not be underlined in red</u>. If it is underlined, it means that the text is formatted in different than English language.

9. Word Count = Number of slides

Word count in this case means the **number of content slides ordered** <u>excluding</u> the Title page, References, and slides containing solely pictures/links to videos.

- The number of content slides provided by a Writer should correspond to the number of slides ordered by Customer.
- If instructions ask for more slides than Customer paid for, a Writer should clarify the issue with Customer and ask for compensation.
- If a Writer needs more slides to cover all instructions, they should clarify the issue with Customer.

10. Plagiarism

- Related paper. All information presented on PPT slides should be authentic. No information can be copied from the related paper to PPT; yet, information in PPT should reflect that information in different wording. Exceptions include C's permission or a clear request to include direct parts of the text from the paper (i.e. a Writer should contact the Customer to clarify, if he/she can use the same sentences directly in this PPT). Without such clarification message, plagiarism is considered as valid and QCT will ask a Writer to paraphrase plagiarized parts.
- Speaker notes. No information from the slides can be copied into Speaker Notes section, but it should clearly reflect the ideas presented on the slides.