



# Create Your Perfect Pitch

To be hired today

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Who I am

Marketing & Communications Specialist



TOPX Ambassador

### First, consider them

With any pitch, the essential starting place is your audience

## Who do you want to talk to today, and for what kind of job?

- What do they value?
- What do you admire about them?
- What do you have in common?
- What will they want to know?
- What do you want to find out about them?



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**5** minutes

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- side jobs
- cultural background
- hobbies
- personality traits

### How To Build A Pitch

10%: introduction

• stand out

- catch attention
- use foreshadowing: tell them what you're going to tell them



### What's your mission statement?

#### Here's mine:

"In all my work, I connect my passion for science with my belief that science can only have a positive impact when it is well communicated."

#### Why it helps you to have one:

- Helps you judge if a job is actually a fit for you
- Helps you find your "niche"
- Immediately communicates (some of) your values





2 minutes

### How To Build A Pitch

10%: introduction



10%: conclusion

- stand out
- create curiosity for more
- create a "full circle" moment: remind them what you told them



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- show that you understand them
- why you're a perfect fit
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Ask questions first

**Practice makes perfect** 

**Different messages for different audiences** 









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