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Presentations provide a new method of sharing information that is much different than textual language or even audio. In this form of communication, the presenter is directly expressing their information to a person, or a group of people. In this form of communication, the person presenting is expressing their thoughts and ideas in their own words. They will therefore share these ideas with others, but with a description that is unique to that particular moment and person. It is this human to human interaction that is particular, and cannot be replicated by text or other intimate objects.

This is where the factor of human connection and body language comes into play. When listening to the person talk, one focuses on the emotion of the person and how they are saying it, as opposed to what they are saying. In certain cases, even if the listener does not fully understand what the person was trying to explain, they can still understand the overall feeling of the conversation. A large part of human communication implies body language. Having their head down, waving their hands in the air, or even simply pointing somewhere are all uses of body language. According to Wikipedia, 93 percent of human communication is with body language. All in all, our bodies are crucial in communicating with each other, and written language cannot offer this same tool.

As humans, it is one of our basic needs to express ourselves, and share how we feel with each other. Sometimes, someone just needs to talk to express their thoughts and let out a certain emotions. The listener might not fully understand what the person is saying, but they are present, feeling empathy, and supporting the person, which ultimately creates that human connection.

Presentations are also unique as they create the opportunity for the listener to ask questions and clarify parts which might not have been understood. The person presenting can rephrase what they are saying and possibly use different terms or vocabulary which can be better understood by the listener. This live explanation is not possible with written text, which is why a live explanation can be more beneficial than a written one.

Written text has its benefits as well. When someone takes the time to illustrate their ideas, they are able to reflect and process how they are going to say something and which words to use. With live speech though, the presenter must explain what comes natural to their mind first, which can be difficult and cause the person speaking, to make some errors. It is also possible to look at the entire text once it is written, and get a feel for how the idea was illustrated. This ability to go look back and change what has been said, before actually saying is unique only to writing and something that papers or online discussions cannot replicate.

Work Cited

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Body_language>

Antoine,

You made a really cogent argument for the effectiveness of presentations. Great job!

Overall, this reflection earns an **outstanding**.