

# Using Humour Effectively in Presentations

## COM 314 – Advanced Presentational Speaking

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  - c. Show a meme!

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3. What response simultaneously breaks every expectation?

# Thank you!

Have an awesome rest of your day!

## **Slides:**

<https://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/jsetpal/slides/sld.pdf>