

# Understanding how you stand out



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Need to understand your key messages – what to highlight and why



## Exercise

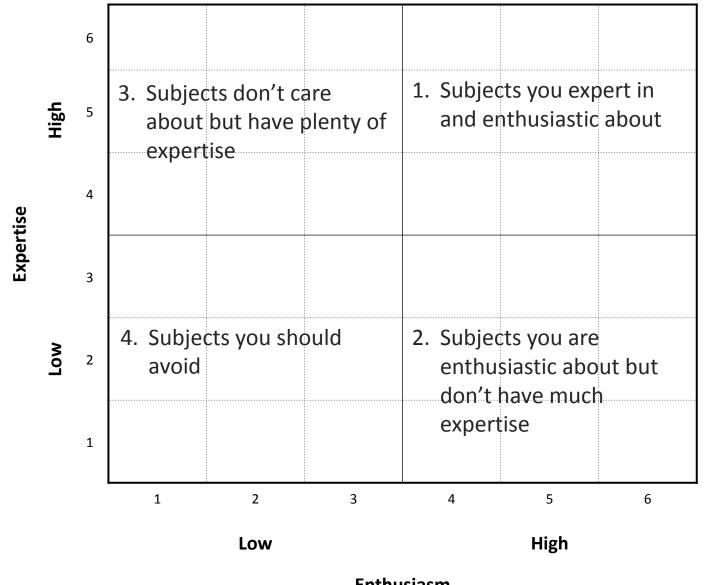
Pick out subjects/areas you know about

Can use the contents of your CV

List a few (6-10) on the form

Rate you them in terms of your Expertise and Enthusiasm

Plot them on the grid



**Enthusiasm** 



## Focus on your top subject areas

### Concentrate on box 1 in the top right

Subjects you expert in and enthusiastic about

#### Can also include ones from box 2

Subjects you are enthusiastic about but don't have as much expertise

Develop and practice your stories that show your expertise and convey your enthusiasm

Could use the Experience Worksheet (STAR) or Experience Worksheet (Competency)

Concentrate on these areas in applications and interview answers

- They will answer the "Why you?" question
- Show how do you stand out from the others
- They capture some of what makes you unique