

Pimp your Daily Standup

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Just came across a [nice discussion](#) about the Daily Standup and what (3) questions to use. Condensed some cool variations for questions in your Daily.

Nice connection with the goal getting it done:

“DONE” – **D**elivered – **O**bstacles – **N**ext 

Good variation for the 1st question with more focus to avoid too long listing of things done since yesterday:

What did I do yesterday that helped the team meet the sprint goal?

Similar:

What have you achieved since yesterday? (same as last one – but shorter to read)

What have you finished since yesterday? (at least keep focus on finished topics — and shows if you got stuck)

Focus on achievements:

What I achieved since yesterday?

What I plan to achieve today?

What help do I need to achieve my goal of the day?

Important but shorter version for the 3rd question regarding impediments:

Are impediments in your way?

In mature teams I think you won't need the 3 question format any longer as the team knows what's the purpose of real synchronization. Let it evolve but keep the focus.

As an Agile Coach/ScrumMaster you can try this to avoid a reporting style in your Daily:

- Move yourself or the person the team seems to report to behind your team and inject some distraction. This way they lose the focus point.
- Remember the team that it's a sync to check if they're on track, have blockers and plan their day (and not a bragging)
- Change boring round format and bring in a random order
- Vary questions and remove the routine from time to time

What questions are you using? How are you pimping your daily standup?