1. Watch this extremely popular lecture (>10^7 views): "How to start a speech" and try to estimate if the two factoids stated are correct. Do a back of the envelope calculation that tests the statements the speaker gives as examples of interesting “fun facts”.
   a) “There are more people alive today than have ever died”
   b) “The sun supplies in 2 minutes what humanity uses in a year.”

2. Think of a numerical fact that could open your talk on your rotation project/MSc project/PhD project/post doc elevator speech/job talk interview/Bill Gates meeting.

3. Look at the document we recently started on “The numbers you need to know to think about climate change” and either give a comment about it or suggest a number to add to it.

4. You were assigned a date for your final presentation. Make sure you can make it to the date you've been assigned to according to the list on the course website (if not, find someone to switch with and notify us).

5. Read thoroughly “The User’s Guide to your 5 minutes of numerical glory”, and write to yourself the relevant deadlines according to your presentation date.

6. Suggest an idea for your final project. Write the question you want to deal with in 1-2 sentences and any lead you may have on the relevant calculation.