Power Point 2007 allows you to animate Smart Art one piece at a time. For example, you can you can make pieces of a diagram "fly in" individually rather than all at once. Just follow these steps:

1. Insert the Smart Art diagram of interest, and enter text as you would like it to appear in the presentation

      a. Right-click on the Smart Art frame and go to Group > Ungroup

      b. This removes the Smart Art frame. The diagram is now a single grouped object

2. Right click anywhere on the grouped object and go to Group > Ungroup. All pieces are now independent objects that you can animate one at a time

3. To animate each individual object, click the object and then select the animation tab

      a. In the animations group, click on the Animate drop down box to select the animation effect of interest

      b. Repeat step 3 for all objects you want to animate.

For a screen cast of this tip go to:
http://screencast.com/t/VHjYuhqxcaV