



Sentence starters for Oral Presentations

Sections:

- 1. Warm greeting
- 2. Memorable opening
- 3. Clear introduction
- 4. Organised body
- 5. Succinct closing

1. Warm greeting

- Hello everyone, my name is...
- Hi everyone, it's great to be here. My name is...

2. Memorable opening

Relevant statistic or fact:

- Did you know that...
- Have you heard that...
- Did you realise that...

Interesting and relevant anecdote:

- The topic of X has sparked my interest, because when...
- X reminds me of the time...
- I'm going to start with a little story about...
- When X(name) was...

Quotes from influential people:

- X(name) has commented that...
- X(name) has said that...

3. Clear introduction

State your topic:

- Today I'm going to talk about...
- The focus of my talk today is on...

Why this topic is important:

- X is really important because...
- The topic/issue of X needs our attention because...
- The motivation for examining X (topic) is...





Preview your main points:

- I'll focus on X, Y, and Z
- My talk is organised into X(number) parts. I'll talk first about X, then....
- The first question/issue I'll address is... Then,... Lastly,...

4. Organised body

Shifting between points:

- So the first point is....
- Now the first issue concerns...
- The next point I want to make is...
- The second point...
- Lastly, I want to cover the question/issue of...

Elaborating:

- An example is...
- This graph shows/indicates...
- In this table we can see that...

Comparing:

- Similar research also shows...
- However, contrasting research highlights...

5. Succinct closing

Summarising:

- To summarise...
- So, today I've explained...
- My three main points have been...
- The central point has been about...
- The main message of today is...

Identifying further research:

- Further research is needed to ...
- In order to better understand these issues, we need to...