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...