

Student resources – **linking phrases** to be used in oral presentations

Here are some of the phrases you can use to link together the different parts of your presentation. They also give a clear signal to the audience as to the point you have reached in your structure: they are a commentary on your progress.

Introduction

I'd like to say a few words to you today about...

talk to you today about...

explain some of the main features of

I'll take only about 10 minutes of your time.

To illustrate some of my points, I'll be using...

I intend to show you...

I've divided my talk into 5 main sections/parts/headings.

If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them at the end.

please feel free to interrupt.

Starting

To start with, then, I'd like to consider...

First of all, then...

Firstly,...

Let me begin by saying...

Finishing a point

Well, that's all I have to say about....

So that, then, is...

Now we've dealt with...

That takes care of...

Now, let's turn to my next point, which is...

Let's move on to...

The next point I'd like to make is...

Next we come to...

Turning now to....

Leaving the structure

Incidentally,...

By the way,...

Returning to your structure

Coming back to the subject of my talk...

To come back to...

Referring back

As I was saying earlier...

As I mentioned earlier...

If you remember, I said at the beginning...

Referring forward

As we will see later,...

Later, we'll be looking at...

Later, I'd like to look at...

Introducing your last point

And finally,...

Lastly,...

That brings me to my last point, which is...

Ending

Well, that brings me to the end of my talk...

That's all I have to say for now...

I think I've covered all the points I wanted to...

Thank you for your attention

Thank you for listening...

If you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them.

, I'll do my best to answer them.

Checking that your answer is acceptable or appropriate is also a way of showing that you have finished with this particular question, and are ready to move on to the next, or to go back to your talk.