

Listening to a Lecture or Podcast

The following **transition signals** (words and phrases) are frequently used to signal the stages of a presentation and show how parts are related.

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| Introduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What I'd like to discuss</i> • <i>I'm going to talk about</i> • <i>I want to consider</i> • <i>I'm going to explain</i> |
| To indicate chronological order | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First</i> • <i>To begin with</i> • <i>Second</i> • <i>Next</i> • <i>Then</i> • <i>Finally</i> |
| Order of importance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The most important</i> • <i>The most significant</i> • <i>Another important</i> |
| Listing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Firstly</i> • <i>Secondly</i> • <i>Thirdly</i> • <i>Finally</i> • <i>One</i> • <i>Two</i> • <i>Three...</i> |
| Transition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I'd like to move on to</i> • <i>Turning now to</i> • <i>Moving on to</i> • <i>Having looked at X, let's consider Y</i> |
| Digression | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As an aside</i> • <i>Making a small digression</i> • <i>There's an interesting anecdote about</i> |
| Return to the main point | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Returning to</i> • <i>To get back to</i> • <i>After that short digression</i> • <i>We'll get back to</i> • <i>Let's return to the topic</i> |
| Restatement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In other words</i> • <i>To repeat</i> • <i>Once again</i> |
| Conclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>So</i> • <i>We've seen that</i> • <i>To sum up</i> • <i>In brief</i> • <i>In conclusion</i> • <i>Finally</i> |