# 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                   | • What I’d like to discuss  
                                |  • I’m going to talk about  
                                |  • I want to consider  
                                |  • I’m going to explain |
| To indicate chronological order| • First  
                                |  • To begin with  
                                |  • Second  
                                |  • Next  
                                |  • Then  
                                |  • Finally |
| Order of importance            | • The most important  
                                |  • The most significant  
                                |  • Another important |
| Listing                        | • Firstly  
                                |  • Secondly  
                                |  • Thirdly  
                                |  • Finally  
                                |  • One  
                                |  • Two  
                                |  • Three… |
| Transition                     | • I’d like to move on to  
                                |  • Turning now to  
                                |  • Moving on to  
                                |  • Having looked at X, let’s consider Y |
| Digression                     | • As an aside  
                                |  • Making a small digression  
                                |  • There’s an interesting anecdote about |
| Return to the main point       | • Returning to  
                                |  • To get back to  
                                |  • After that short digression  
                                |  • We’ll get back to  
                                |  • Let’s return to the topic |
| Restatement                    | • In other words  
                                |  • To repeat  
                                |  • Once again |
| Conclusion                     | • So  
                                |  • We’ve seen that  
                                |  • To sum up  
                                |  • In brief  
                                |  • In conclusion  
                                |  • Finally |