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A

- Figure 1 is **a** bar chart based on...
- Just **a** moment while I look at my notes.
- Let's make **a** start, shall we?
- Let's now take **a** look at...
- That's **a** tricky one.
- That's **a** good point.
- That's **a** great question.
- There's **a** famous quotation that goes...
- There's **a** Japanese joke about this, which I would translate as...

About

- I'm going to talk **about** three topics.
- Thank you for inviting us here to tell you **about** our products.
- The aim of my presentation is to change your mind **about** the best solution for this.
- Then I'll speak **about** the benefits of this product.
- Today I'm going to give you information **about**...

An

- I think this is **an** important topic because...
- That's **an** interesting question.
- There is **an** amazing fact that...
- There is **an** old proverb which says...

Any

- Are there **any** more questions?
- At this point, I'd welcome **any** questions or comments.
- I hope none of you now have **any** doubt that...
- If anything isn't clear, please feel free to interrupt at **any** time.
- There don't seem to be **any** other questions, so I'll finish my presentation there.



At

- Are there any questions **at** this stage?
- **At** this point, I'd like to ask if anyone has any questions or comments.
- Firstly, I'll look **at** the selling points of...
- I will leave ten minutes **at** the end for questions.
- I'm afraid I don't have that information with me **at** the moment, but...
- I'm pointing **at** a diagram which shows...
- If anything isn't clear, please feel free to interrupt me **at** any time.
- If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them **at** the end.
- If you look **at** this chart, you will see that...
- Just a second. Let me just take a look **at** my notes.

By

- I hope that **by** the end of my presentation I will have convinced you that...
- I should probably start **by** introducing myself.
- I'd like to conclude **by**...
- I'd like to start **by** explaining the title of my presentation.
- Let me begin **by** welcoming you to our HQ.
- So, let's start **by** looking at the reasons why change is needed.
- What I want to achieve **by** presenting this is for you to accept a trial batch of our newest product.

In

- I don't have enough time to explain this **in** detail, but...
- Just a second while I find the right page **in** my notes.
- You might have read that our company was **in** the news yesterday because...
- Thanks for coming to this presentation so early **in** the morning.

Your

- I'd like to draw **your** attention to...
- Please raise **your** hand if you have any questions.
- Yes. John. What's **your** question, please?
- Thank you so much for **your** great questions.

For

- I'm going to speak **for** approximately five minutes.
- My presentation will last **for** about ten minutes.
- Sorry **for** not explaining that before.

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Of

- And last **of** all, I'm going to focus on the benefits of this idea.
- As most **of** you know, I'm Alex Case.
- First **of** all, I'll explain why people aren't happy with the present situation.
- In the first part **of** my presentation, I'll show a short video.
- I seem to have run out **of** time, so I'll stop there.
- In the second part **of** my presentation, I'll look at the other side of the argument.
- The purpose **of** today's presentation is to make you think again.
- The topic **of** my presentation is the future of wearable technology.

On

- I'll focus **on** three main points.
- Moving **on** to the next topic,...

Some

- First of all, I will give you **some** info on our competitors.
- Here are **some** figures which show you what I mean.
- This chart gives **some** information on our market share in different countries.

That

- And on **that** point, I will bring my presentation to a close.
- I think I've covered **that** point, so now I want to speak about the financial side.
- I'm afraid I don't have **that** information with me at the moment, but I'll find out and email you tomorrow.
- If everyone is clear on **that** point, the next topic is other possible uses.
- Just a minute. I have **that** information in here somewhere.

Up

- Please put your hand **up** if you'd like to ask a question.
- To sum all that **up**, I have told you,...

The

- ..., which is **the** topic of the next slide.
- ...which is **the** last thing that I wanted to say today.
- As you can see on **the** first page,...
- As you can see, **the** overall trend is...
- For **the** first part of my presentation, I'll give the background to the invention.
- From **the** information that I have given you today, I think we can conclude that...
- In **the** next stage of my presentation,...
- In **the** second part of my presentation, I'll describe how innovative it is.
- In **the** top right corner, you can see our special logo.
- Thank you for finding **the** time to come and join me for this presentation.
- Thanks again for giving me **the** opportunity to share this information with you.
- That brings me to **the** end of my presentation.
- **The** next stage will be to talk about future developments.
- **The** main reason why I want to tell you about this is...

This

- I'd like to look at **this** column of the table in more detail.
- **This** picture shows the different designs which are available.
- **This** pie chart comes from our annual report.
- **This** slide shows why we made that decision.
- You may have read that we were one of the stars of **this** week's trade show.

To

- I aim **to** prove to you that this is the future of transport.
- I hope we have the opportunity **to** do business together soon.
- I look forward **to** doing business with you.
- I only have time **to** quickly introduce the topic, but it should be enough to...
- If you have any other questions please come and talk **to** me individually.
- Just **to** check, are you asking what research we have done so far?
- Now I'd be very happy **to** answer any questions that you have.
- So, I'd like **to** get started, if I may.
- So, **to** summarise what I have told you,...
- That's all that I wanted **to** talk about today.
- Turning **to** the next section of my presentation,...
- Yes, what would you like **to** ask?

No

- If there are **no** further questions, shall we negotiate an initial agreement?
- So, if there are **no** questions so far, let's have a look at the market conditions.

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