



Signposting in IELTS Listening

Examples of Lecture Signposting Language

This table sets out some of the key language that guides you on the overall **topic and content** of the lecture, and when **different sections** of the lecture are being discussed.

The table includes the signposting language to signal the end of the talk. However, you are very unlikely to hear this used in IELTS because as section 4 of the listening is only around 4-5 minutes, you only usually hear the first part of the lecture or presentation.

Remember there are lots of different ways to say these things, so what you hear could be phrased slightly differently.

Signposting Examples

Purpose	Signpost Language
Introducing the topic of the lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today we are going to talk about... • The topic of today's lecture is... • This morning we are going to take a look at... • Today I'll be talking about / discussing... • What I'm going to be talking about today is... • The purpose of today's lecture is... • The subject/topic of my talk is ...
Explaining the lecture structure (sections / subtopics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In today's lecture I'm going to cover three points. • I'm going to divide this talk into three parts. • First we'll look at..... Then we'll go on to ... And finally I'll...
Introducing the first section / subtopic or first of a list of points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's start by talking about... • To begin,... • Firstly,... • I'll start with,... • The first advantage / reason / cause etc. is...
Finishing a section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've looked at... • I've talked about....
Starting a new section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's move on to... • Now, let's turn to... • And I'd now like to talk about... • The next / second ... • I'd like now to discuss... • The next issue/topic/area I'd like to focus on ...
To signal the end of the talk / Summing up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sum up, ... • So it is clear from what we have discussed today that... • I'd like now to recap... • Let's summarise briefly what we've looked at... • In conclusion, ... • To summarise, ... • In summary, ... • Overall, ... • The three main points are ...