

## **Expressions and Vocabulary Toolbox**

*The goal of this toolbox: the audience will remain engaged since the members will be able to follow your points more easily and your speech will flow smoothly. This will also help you to better structure your speech. The idea is to add other expressions and verbs in the future to that list. Each member is encouraged to contribute! The more we share, the more we learn.*

### **Introduction**

- Today I will be discussing...
- The topic of my speech is...

### **To introduce the structure of your presentation**

- There are three key points I will be discussing...
- I want to begin by..., and then I will move on to...
- This presentation is divided into three parts...

### **Move from the introduction to the first point**

- First, let's begin with...
- I will first cover...
- My first point covers...
- To get started, let's look at...

### **Move from one point to a similar one**

- In the same way...
- Likewise...
- This is similar to...
- Similarly...

### **Persuasion**

- Before I jump into the details
- What I'm trying to say is
- Let me be a bit more specific

### **To introduce conflicting ideas**

- Despite this
- However
- On the contrary
- Now let's consider
- Nonetheless

- We can't ignore the fact that...
- On the other hand...
- With that said, ...

### **Agreement / Addition**

- Also
- Besides
- Moreover
- Furthermore
- And that doesn't take into account the fact that
- In addition to that

### **Emphasizing importance**

- More importantly...
- This is essential...
- Primarily...
- Mainly...
- I would like to emphasize, to point out, to underline the fact that...
- Fundamentally...
- A major issue is...
- A significant concern is

### **To express opinions**

In my view.... In my opinion.... In my eyes.... It seems to me that.... From my perspective.... From my point of view... As far as I'm concerned.... I'd like to point out that... Generally, it is thought that.... Some people say that.... Well, it is considered that.... It goes without saying that...

### **Cause and effect**

- Therefore...
- Thus...
- Consequently...
- As a result...
- This is significant because...

### **Introduce an example**

- This is demonstrated by...
- Take the case of...
- For example...
- You may be asking whether this ...The answer is yes...
- To show/illustrate/highlight this...

- Let me illustrate this by...

## Conclusion

- In short...
- To sum up...
- In a nutshell...
- To summarize...
- In conclusion...
- Finally, I want to say...
- My aim is to encourage you to go further and...(call to action)

## Introducing a quotation

- “M” was a supporter of this thinking because she/he said...
- There is a lot of support for this, for example, “A” said...
- To illustrate this idea, I will finish my speech with a quote of “X”

## Idiom or Word of the day

- The quintessence: the best example
- Fortitude: strength of mind
- Intrepid : fearless; adventurous
- White elephant: a possession that is useless or troublesome, especially one that is expensive to maintain or difficult to dispose of
- To put a kibosh on something: to prevent from continuing
- Malfeasance: wrongdoing, malversation
- To have other fish to fry: to have other or more important matters to attend to
- Visionary: marked by foresight and imagination, a visionary leader  
a visionary invention.
- Empowerment : the process of becoming strong and more confident
- “From small acorn mighty oaks grow”: large and powerful things once were very small and insignificant
- Meditation : you can use it to refocus and improve your ability and motivation
- Confidence : it is a life-enabler, by developing your self-confidence, you will be able to achieve your goals
- “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade” : take advantage of a situation with a positive attitude and optimism.
- Don’t judge a book by its cover : a metaphorical phrase that means one should not judge the worth or value of something or someone by its outward appearance alone.
- Achiever : someone who achieves success through effort and work
- Determination : firmness of purpose, resoluteness, will power
- The power of Now ! To embrace the power of now : to enjoy the moment rather than worrying about the future or regretting the past. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it’s called the Present.

- Now : as an adverb : immediately, currently, without delay / as an adjective : cool, trendy, stylish.
- Exquisite : as an adjective, extremely beautiful and delicate. Exquisite describes something that is lovely, beautiful, or excellent.
- Elated : as an adjective. If you are elated you aren't just happy, you are over the moon, absolutely excited, and bursting with pride. Synonyms: exulting, prideful, triumphant, euphoric.
- To miss the boat : to lose an opportunity by not taking action quickly enough.