

Some Speaking Phrases to Use in a SP Exam

1. Opening Statements

Examples:

- *Today, I'd like to share with you about...*
 - *In this talk, I'm going to tell you how...*
 - *I want to tell you about...*
 - *Today, I would like to discuss...*
 - *Today, I want to give you a short talk on...*
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2. Closing statements

Examples:

- *In conclusion...*
 - *To sum up...*
 - *To summarize...*
 - *To conclude...*
 - *As a whole...*
 - *So all in all...*
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3. Beginning the Main Body of Your Speech

Examples:

- *First and foremost....*
 - *And why do I find it so appealing? It is, after all....*
 - *To begin with...*
 - *One of the most intriguing aspects about....*
 - *This is the most significant day/opportunity of my life because...*
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4. Building on Your Idea

Examples:

- *Another reason why I like...*
- *One of the main advantages...*
- *One of the consequences...*
- *This appeals to me because...*
- *Another unusual fact about...*
- *I like ... more than anything else because...*

5. Expressing Your Opinions

Examples:

- *In my opinion...*
- *I firmly believe that...*
- *From my point of view...*
- *It seems to me that...*
- *From my viewpoint...*
- *From my perspective...*
- *It appears to me that...*
- *I realize that...*
- *I understand that...*

6. Speculating and Expressing Possibilities

Examples:

- *I suppose...*
- *It is possible...*
- *I would imagine that...*
- *I would say...*
- *Perhaps...*
- *I think it is likely/unlikely...*

7. Agreeing and Disagreeing

Examples:

- *I totally agree.*
 - *I couldn't agree with you more.*
 - *You are absolutely right.*
 - *No doubt about it.*
 - *Definitely / Absolutely / Precisely*

 - *I'm afraid I disagree.*
 - *I see your point, but...*
 - *That's not always true.*
 - *Not necessarily.*
 - *That's one way of looking at it. However...*
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8. Comparing and Contrasting

Examples:

- *Similar to...*
- *Much the same...*
- *As (adjective) as ...*
- *Likewise,*

“as fun as traveling alone”, “as enjoyable as playing the guitar”

- *Same (noun) as...*

“the same age as me”, “same school as my brother”

- *In contrast to...*
 - *Compared to...*
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9. Clarifying the Questions

Examples:

- *I’m sorry, I didn’t get the question.*
 - *I’m sorry, I’m afraid I didn’t catch that.*
 - *I’m sorry, could you rephrase that?*
 - *Could you repeat the question, please?*
 - *Could you say that again?*
 - *Could you explain what you mean by..?*
 - *Could you explain the question, please?*
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10. Transition Words

Examples:

- *Also, as well as...*
 - *Similarly, in the same way...*
 - *Even though, despite, yet...*
 - *So that, so, for this reason...*
 - *For example, for instance...*
 - *Because, since, thus, that is why...*
 - *Actually, I have to say...*
 - *On the other hand...*
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EXAMPLE QA:

Question:

Is it better to make major life decisions on your own or to seek advice from others?

Answer:

I believe there are solid arguments for both. It is, after all, your life, so **I think** you should make the choices yourself. **However**, because any decisions you make can impact the people around you, it seems only fair to consult with them first before making a decision. **I'm afraid that**, like many philosophical topics, there is no straightforward answer.