O'Connell Advanced Training Solutions Easy English for Meetings Resource Sheet: Opening the Meeting

This activity sheet can be completed in conjunction with the video lecture. So - get your pens ready! And let's go...

In the video lecture we can hear the beginning of a meeting, and the chairperson making opening remarks. Listen to what she says, and then mark whether these statements are true or false.

- 1. Nigel is the last one to arrive at the meeting. T / F
- 2. Klaus Hahn is from the marketing department. T / F
- 3. Ursula Henkel will come to the meeting late. T / F
- 4. The aim of the meeting it to discuss strategies for increasing sales. T / F
- 5. John Lawson will present an overview of what competitors are doing. T / F
- 6. Hans Ligeler will present the new sales strategy. T / F

Now it's time for you to build some sentences. Firs	t, b	by filling	in t	these (	gaps
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- a. It's to see .
- b. Before we \_\_\_\_\_, can I \_\_\_\_ Klaus Hahn to you all.
- c. Ursula Henkel has \_\_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Dieter Zimmich can't \_\_\_\_\_ either.
- e. As I said in the \_\_\_\_\_ I emailed last week, we'll be \_\_\_\_\_ our strategies for increasing sales.
- f. Let's get down to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

These sentences can broadly be grouped under five headings, as I mentioned in the video lecture:

- 1. Welcoming meeting participants
- 2. Introducing someone
- 3. Reporting apologies
- 4. Stating the meeting aims
- 5. Commencing the meeting

What other expressions did you hear in the lecture, which you can add to the list under these headings?