

**Conversational manner with 'speech like phrases'**

1. By the way . . .
2. To tell you the truth . . .
3. I must tell you about . . .
4. Right now I'm . . .
5. You will never believe it but . . .
6. I hope that . . .
7. To be honest . . .
8. I imagine that . . .
9. I should have told you that . . .
10. I have been looking forward to . . .
11. I am looking forward to . . . (I am not looking forward to . . .)
12. I am worried about . . . (I am not worried about . . .)
13. I was looking forward to . . .
14. I expect that . . .
15. I think that . . .
16. As it happened . . .
17. I didn't expect . . .
18. I don't expect . . .
19. In truth . . .
20. The best bit is . . . (The best bit was . . .)
21. The worst part is . . . (The worst part was . . .)
22. Worst of all . . .
23. Best of all . . .

**Other sentence starters**

1. Even though . . .
  2. For once . . .
  3. At least . . .
  4. At times . . .
  5. Sometimes . . .
- I felt so . . .

**Adverbs to start a sentence with:**

1. Hopefully
2. Fortunately
3. Unfortunately
4. Fortuitously
5. Luckily
6. Unluckily
7. Thankfully
8. Lately
9. Recently
10. Incidentally
11. Curiously
12. Eventually
13. Anyway

**Rhetorical questions**

1. You'll never guess what happened?
2. You know what?
3. Do you know what?
4. Can you imagine it?
5. Have you ever . . . ?

**Speculative sentence starters**

1. Perhaps
2. I wonder if . . .
3. I wonder whether . . .
4. Maybe . . .