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Sentence Starters:

- Hopefully
- Fortunately
- Unfortunately
- Fortuitously
- Luckily
- Unluckily
- Thankfully
- Lately
- Recently
- Incidentally
- Curiously
- Eventually
- Anyway

Conversational manner with 'speech like phrases'

- By the way . . .
- To tell you the truth . . .
- I must tell you about . . .
- Right now I'm . . .
- You will never believe it but . . .
- I hope that . . .
- To be honest . . .
- I imagine that . . .
- I should have told you that . . .
- I have been looking forward to . . .
- I am looking forward to . . . (I am not looking forward to . . .)
- I am worried about . . . (I am not worried about . . .)
- I was looking forward to . . .
- I expect that . . .

- I think that . . .
- As it happened . . .
- I didn't expect . . .
- I don't expect . . .
- In truth . . .
- The best bit is . . . (The best bit was . . .)
- The worst part is . . . (The worst part was . . .)
- Worst of all . . .
- Best of all . . .

Rhetorical questions

- You'll never guess what happened?
- You know what?
- Do you know what?
- Can you imagine it?
- Have you ever . . . ?

Speculative sentence starters

- Perhaps
- I wonder if . . .
- I wonder whether . . .
- Maybe . . .

Other sentence starters

- Even though . . .
- For once . . .
- At least . . .
- At times . . .
- Sometimes . . .
- I felt so . . .