STARTING A CONVERSATION / before telling smth

Getting someone to listen to you

Look here. (informal)

Listen here. (informal)

Listen up. (informal)

Get a load of this. (informal)

Now hear this! (informal)

Hear me out.

Are you ready for this? (informal)

Listen. (informal)

Are you listening to me?

Are you paying attention?

Starting an informal conversation

Guess what?

Have you heard the latest?

Have you heard?

Did you hear what happened?

Did you hear the news?

Did you get the scoop? (informal)

the scoop = the most recent news

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You'll never guess what I heard. You'll never guess what I read online. Guess what I just saw online. Guess what I just found out. You won't believe this. You won't believe what Bill just told me.

^{*}the phrases can be combined

Confirming that you are paying attention

Requesting that the speaker get to the point

What's your point?

What's the point?

What's the upshot?

the upshot = the result

What's the bottom line?

the bottom line = the summation; the final and major point

What are you trying to say?

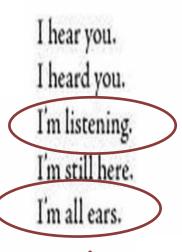
What are you trying to tell me?

Get to the point.

Get to the heart of the matter.

Cut to the chase. (idiomatic)

= Switch to the focal point of something.







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Expressing indifference

I don't care.

I couldn't care less.

I could care less. (informal)

I don't give a damn. (mildly vulgar)

Like I give a damn. (mildly vulgar)

It doesn't matter to me.

Really doesn't matter to me.

Makes no difference to me.

Makes me no difference. (informal)



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Makes me no nevermind. (folksy)

Makes no nevermind to me. (folksy)

Either way.

MAKE A NEWS REPORT STARTING WITH ONE OF THE PHRASES, YOUR PARTNER SHOULD REACT CORRESPONDINGLY (using one of the phrases, too).