

**STARTING A CONVERSATION**  
**/ before telling smth**

## Getting someone to listen to you

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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?

\*the phrases can be  
combined

## Starting an informal conversation

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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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## Conversational Encounters

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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.

## Confirming that you are paying attention

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I hear you.

I heard you.

I'm listening.

I'm still here.

I'm all ears.

\*said  
before  
the news

## Requesting that the speaker get to the point

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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

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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).