

Interrupting phrases

Photocopiable cards and teacher's instructions

Cut up one set of cards per pair of students. Ask students to work together to use those words to make phrases (orally) that can be used to interrupt or to stop interrupting and get back on topic. If they need help, tell them that there should be eight of each. Let them compare their ideas against the suggested answers sheet, then ask them to spilt the cards so that one person has the Interrupting cards and the other person has the Stopping Interruptions cards. The person with the Stopping Interrupting cards should try to talk as long as they can about a topic, e.g. one of the ones on the Suggested Answers sheet, while the other person tries to interrupt them. They must use one of their cards and a different phrase each time they interrupt or stop interrupting. They can use the same card twice, just as long as the phrases they use are at least slightly different.

Relevant	Interrupt
Get back	Butt
Saying	Before
Where	Remind
Later	Time
End	Could
Any___	Say
Point	Sorry