



Phrases for Sharing Personal Experiences- Presentation and Speaking

Share your own experiences and those of other people you know on these topics:

- Working for domestic companies
- Working for foreign companies
- Working abroad
- Products from foreign companies
- Service in foreign shops and restaurants

What phrases could you have used in that discussion?

Sharing personal experiences presentation

Brainstorm as many words as you can into the gaps below.

In my _____ experience,...

A/ An _____ experience I had related to this was...

An experience which _____ is...

Fill the gaps below with just one word.

_____ couple of days/ weeks/ months/ years ago...

_____ few days/ weeks/ months/ years ago...

Just _____ other day,...

An experience of this I had which stands _____ is...

This has only happened _____ me once, but...

I _____ only experienced this once, but...

I was affected _____ this when...

I will never forget _____ time when....

_____ my limited experience,...

My first/ last experience _____ this was...

_____ general, I find...

Generally, I _____ found that...

... That's _____ experience, anyway.

My experience _____ this is....

I _____ personal experience of this.

I _____ like to share my experience of...

Why are the expressions above divided into sections? Label each section.

Why do none of the expressions above have the word "ever" in them?

What are the differences between these expressions?

Some experience/ Some experiences



Personal experiences phrases- practice games

*Talk about your own experiences of one of the things below and your partner will guess if it is true or made up (e.g. because you have no experience of that thing). Each time you must **explain general experiences first and then individual experiences** (see the previous page for suitable phrases for both).*

Appearing on television

Being interviewed

Crime

Dieting

Hospitals

Hunting

Meeting artists

Side effects of medicines

Traditional medicine

Voting

Attending political speeches

Bullying

Dealing with the police

Being published

Host families

Insomnia

Romance

Smoking

Traffic accidents

Working

Being drunk

Buying insurance

Dietary supplements

Horse riding

House parties

Martial arts

Sailing

Stalking

Volunteering

Take opposite points of view on things from the list below, using real or made up personal experience to support your arguments.

- A license being needed to cycle on the road.
- Allowing bicycles on trains.
- Allowing your national airline to go bankrupt and disappear.
- Another runway for your local airport.
- Banning adults cycling on the pavement.
- Banning two children plus an adult on one bicycle.
- Fitting all new cars with breathalysers.
- Making bicycle helmets compulsory.
- Making driving more expensive.
- Making flying more expensive.
- More government subsidies for train travel.
- Police stopping cyclists to check if bicycles are stolen.
- Raising the speed limit on highways.
- The government subsidising electric cars.

Give your real views about transport, supporting what you say however you can.

Possible topics:

Borrowing ideas from other cities/ countries

Convenience

Ecology

Investment

Prices

Rules/ Laws

Service levels

Subsidies

The disabled/ The young/ The old/ Pregnant women

Comfort

Different modes of transport

Health and fitness

Manners

Private sector – Public sector

Safety

Speed

Taxes

Technology

What phrases can you use to pass on other people's experiences?



Suggested answers

- In my _____ experience,... – personal, limited, general
- A/ An _____ experience I had related to this was... - memorable/ shocking/ typical/ bad/ unforgettable/ amazing/ terrible/ frightening/ sobering/ disappointing/ great/ life-changing
- An experience which _____ is... - I will always remember/ really influenced me/ is relevant to this debate/ is related to this/ changed my life/ affected my attitudes/ this reminds me of/ comes to mind/ springs to mind