**Fillers for Students**

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| Ma’am (AE talking to women teachers |
| Sir (talking to male teachers) |
| **Getting noticed** |
| Excuse me, …  |
| Sorry but… |
| Please, Miss / Sir… |
| **Finding your voice** |
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| So, … |
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| **Introducing the subject matter**  |
| The thing is this, …  |
| I have come about… |
| There is one little problem.  |
| I was hoping (to talk about)… |
| **Permission to speak** |
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| Excuse me, may I say / ask something? |
| Is it all right for me to ask a question? |
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| **Politely pointing out potential errors** |
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| Sorry, is this what we are supposed to do? |
| I am not sure how to put this, but… |
| Do you remember what you said about…? |
| **Making suggestions** |
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| Perhaps we can (try to)…  |
| Would it be a good idea to…?  |
| We have been wondering if (we could)…  |
| Please, could we (have a lesson outdoors)? |
| **Thanking** |
| Many thanks. |
| This is very kind of you.  |
| Thanks for making time for us.  |
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