

Fillers for Students

Addressing your seniors
Miss (BE talking to women teachers)
Ma'am (AE talking to women teachers)
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Getting noticed
Excuse me, ...
Sorry but...
Please, Miss / Sir...
Finding your voice
Well, ...
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Actually, ...
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
Please, may I ask something?
Excuse me, may I say / ask something?
Is it all right for me to ask a question?
Sorry, would you mind helping me here...
Politely pointing out potential errors
I am not sure but isn't it...?
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
Should we...?
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)?
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Thanks for making time for us.
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