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Beginnings

You need time to think about the question					
That's an interesting question					
Let me see					
I haven't thought about that question before					
Where should I start?					
There are a variety of different things I could say					
Wow. That's a tough question to answer.					
I need a couple of seconds to think about that but					
I'm not quite sure what to say here					

Ends

Finding a way to end					
So my answer to your question is					
And I suppose that that's my main point					
And finally I'd say that					
My personal conclusion would be					
And I don't think I have anything else to say					

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Middles

You just thought of a better idea					
And I should add that					
Another point would be that					
I almost forgot to say that					
But there's also something else to consider					

You know what you just said is rubbish					
Let me try and rephrase that					
What I'm trying to say is					
Or to put it another way					
So the main point is					

You forgot the word or what you wanted to say					
Sorry, it's on the tip of my tongue					
I don't know the right way to put this					
Sorry, I've forgotten the word in English					
I'm not sure if this is the right way to put it but					