

**Gap filling**

Um  
er  
uh  
well  
you know  
you see  
like

**Introducing my opinion**

I mean  
I think  
I guess  
as for me  
as far as I'm concerned  
in my opinion  
if I may say so  
let me tell you one thing  
how shall I put it?

**Summing up**

briefly speaking  
to cut it short  
to make a long story short  
the bottom line is ....

**Generalizing**

by and large  
generally  
broadly speaking

**Approximating**

somewhat  
to a certain extent  
somehow  
up to a certain point

**Changing perspectives**

from a different angle  
from a different point of view  
in other words  
on the one hand...on the other hand  
possibly

**Getting precise**

in fact  
actually  
really  
honestly  
let's face it  
let's face the truth  
come to see it  
let's get down to brass-tacks  
indeed  
naturally  
obviously  
of course  
now  
the thing is  
strange as it may sound  
strictly speaking  
that is to say  
that's the least you can say about it  
when you come to think of it  
in terms of...  
as far as this is concerned

**Adding**

moreover  
besides  
what's more  
on second thoughts  
there's more to it than first meets the eye

**Dismissing**

come on  
I know what you are going to say  
I don't mean to sound critical  
Whatever you may say about it

**Concluding**

This can't be denied  
That's what it is  
period  
and that's the end of it