

EMPHASISING IMPORTANT POINTS

A2-B1 | Functional language for highlighting key ideas

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to make the most important part of your message clear.

The important thing is that ...

The important thing is that everyone feels welcome.

The main point is that ...

The main point is that we need more time.

What I mean is that ...

What I mean is that we should start earlier.

It is important to remember that ...

It is important to remember that mistakes are normal.

Don't forget that ...

Don't forget that the shop closes at six.

The problem is that ...

The problem is that the bus is often late.

The good thing is that ...

The good thing is that the course is free.

The best thing is that ...

The best thing is that we can practise together.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one sentence that emphasises the key point in each situation.

1. You are explaining a class project. Students need to finish it by Friday.

2. A friend is worried about making mistakes when speaking English.

3. Your group wants to start a meeting at 10:00, but you think 9:30 is better.

4. You are telling visitors about a shop that closes at 18:00.

5. Your class is choosing a transport app, but one app gives inaccurate bus times.

6. You are describing a free online course to a friend.

7. Your group is planning a picnic, and the weather forecast may change.

8. You are explaining why a study group is useful for English learners.

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Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable sentences are also correct.

Encourage students to choose a phrase that makes the key message clear.

1. The important thing is that everyone finishes the project by Friday.

2. It is important to remember that mistakes are a normal part of learning.

3. What I mean is that we should start at 9:30 so we have more time.

4. Don't forget that the shop closes at 18:00.

5. The problem is that this app gives inaccurate bus times.

6. The good thing is that the online course is free.

7. The main point is that we need to check the weather before we go.

8. The best thing is that we can practise English together in a study group.
