

Giving a presentation

- 1 (1.28) Read and listen to the presentation. How does Julia think we can make a difference to the environment?



Julia How can one individual make a difference to the environment? In my view, one of the best ways is to use a hessian bag for shopping. Hessian bags have a number of advantages. Firstly, they are long-lasting and do not break as easily as traditional plastic carriers. Secondly, they look more stylish. Furthermore, hessian bags are biodegradable. This means that if you do have to throw one away, it will disappear naturally, instead of adding to the waste in our landfill sites which are already overflowing. On top of this, many shops are obliged to charge for plastic bags nowadays, so carrying a hessian bag can actually save you money. Finally, they are more comfortable to carry than a normal plastic bag. To sum up, making the change from a plastic carrier to a recyclable hessian bag is an easy way for us to reduce the amount of waste we produce and in doing so, to help protect the environment.

- 2 Read the presentation again and find the expressions Julia uses to organize her arguments.
- 3 Complete the table with expressions from Julia's presentation.

Sequence words
Firstly ... 1 _____ 2 _____
Giving opinions I believe / I don't believe I agree with ... / I disagree with ... In my opinion ... 3 _____
Giving additional information Moreover, ... Besides, ... 4 _____ 5 _____
Concluding the presentation In conclusion, ... All in all, ... 6 _____

- 4 (1.29) Listen to two presentations. Which of the topics 1–6 do the speakers talk about?

- recycling waste
- becoming vegetarian
- using public transport
- saving electricity
- replacing light bulbs
- planting trees

- 5 (1.29) Listen to the presentations again. Answer the questions.

Presentation 1

- Why should we not rely on petrol?
- What is the problem with traffic jams?
- Name one more advantage of using public transport.

Presentation 2

- What does the speaker say about the way animals are treated?
- What is the link between vegetarianism and the rainforest?
- What final reason which affects the individual does the speaker give for being vegetarian?

- 6 Choose a different topic from exercise 4. Make notes on four points you can use to support your point of view.

Speaking tip

A good way to engage your listeners is to start your presentation with a question.

- 7 Read the *Speaking tip*! Prepare a presentation using the chart below. Use expressions from exercise 3 to structure your presentation.

Start the presentation with a question.



Introduce your main argument.



Make your first point.



Add some information.



Make your second point.



Give examples.



Make your third point.



Add some information.



Make a concluding statement.

- 8 Give your presentation to the class. Which presentation do you find most convincing?