

# Some discourse markers

## Let me see, well, you know etc

Expressions of this kind are often used when the speaker needs time to think.

'How much are you selling it for?' 'Well, let me see...'

'When are you going to finish that report?' 'Well, I think it will be ready by Tuesday.'

'Why did you do that?' 'Well, you know, I don't know.'

Expressions like 'uh', 'oh', 'er' etc., can also be used with similar meanings.

## Honestly and frankly

These expressions are used to claim that one is speaking sincerely.

Honestly, I didn't say anything that should make him angry.

Honestly, I didn't know you weren't coming.

Honestly, I never said a word about her looks or age.

Frankly, I'm not a huge fan of cricket.

Honestly and frankly can also be used to introduce critical remarks.

Honestly, Sam, why do you have to be so rude?

'What do you think of my skirt?' 'Frankly, dear, it's a disaster.'

## As you know

Expressions like as you know, as we agreed or as we suggested are used to talk about facts which are known to both speaker and listener.

As you know, next Monday's meeting has been cancelled.

As you know, people get colds in wet weather.

As we agreed, there will be a special screening of the film on Sunday.