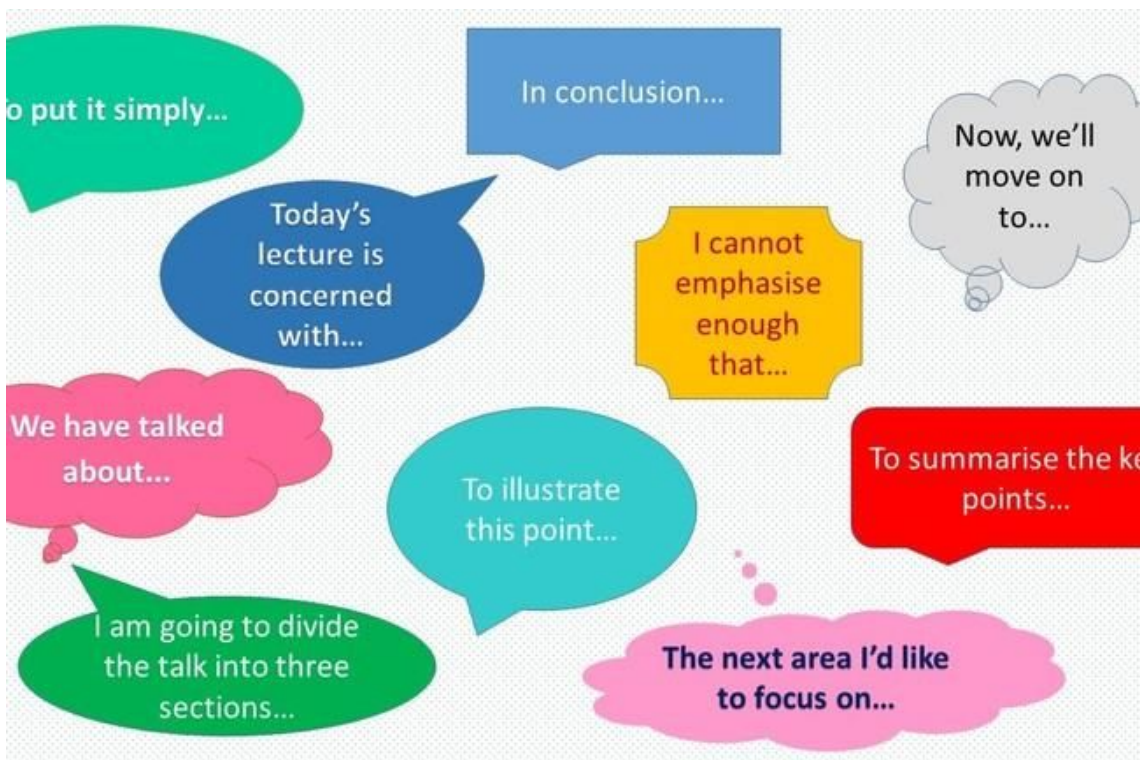


Signpost language

One of the strategies you can use during listening is to pay attention to words and expressions that signal what has been covered and what is coming up in a talk.

These words and expressions are called *signpost language* and are like an arrow (a signpost) directing you towards specific information or a particular event.



The expressions in the picture above are a few examples of signpost language that are often used to signal different sections in an academic talk. For example, when you hear 'To illustrate this

point ...', you know that the speaker is going to clarify the point by giving an example. Take a look at the expressions in the picture.