

# OPENINGS

## *Warm Up*

Ease into talk, this gives audience a chance to get comfortable

1. Audience compliment
2. Thank you for invitation
3. Interest/experience with org or event
4. Reference to event
5. Why you are there

## *Attention-Getter*

Good opener will:

- Get listener's attention
- Establish your credibility
- Give listeners a reason for staying
- Segue into topic/purpose

1. Question
2. Startling statement/statistic
3. Relevant Joke
4. Cite an authority
5. Quote
6. Audience Challenge
7. Story
8. Visual Aid – Prop
9. Comparison
10. Definition
11. Mystery Opener
12. Give out a gift
13. Illustration
14. Disclose something about yourself
15. An exercise/game
16. Reference history of place/event
17. Tell how will benefit from talk
18. Current event as related to talk
19. Read a letter
20. Demonstration
21. News Headline

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