Time-Gaining Phrases / Hesitation Devices

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1. PHRASES – Categorize the following time-gaining phrases.

Actually, …	As a matter of fact, …	Err.
How shall I put it? (2x)	I don't know.	I mean, …
If you ask me, I say, …	In fact, …	kind of / kinda (informal)
Let me see. / Let's see.	Let me think about this.	like (informal)
Now, …	OK, …	sort of / sorta (informal)
That's an interesting question.	The thing is, …	Uhm.
Well, …	What I'm trying to say is…	You know, …
Let me just take a moment to consider it.		

Categories	Phrases
Noises	
Fillers	
Stalling for time	
Not finding the exact word	
Introducing ideas bringing surprise	
Looking for words	
Framing words	

2. JUST A MINUTE! – Speak for one minute without repetition or deviation.

Topics:

1) Last summer
2) My favourite place for sightseeing
3) My family
4) My personality
5) My hobbies and interests
6) My fears