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Opening Options: The Words by Patricia Fripp, CSP, CPAE

Internal Presentations

The purpose of this meeting is to . . . Thank you for the opportunity to . . . You will remember at our last meeting . . . Thank you for your support with . . . We have an amazing opportunity to . . . There will never be a more perfect time to . . . Congratulations . . . Mary had a problem . . . To put this report into historical perspective, . . . Let us begin our meeting with a success story. I will never forget the first day I joined this company. Welcome to the next stage of your career.

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I wish you could have been there when . . . I'll never forget the first/last time . . . It was one of the most exciting days of my life . . . It was the scariest moment of my life . . .

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Welcome to an action-packed, content-rich learning experience. The theme of our conference is exciting because . . . If I were to ask you . . . How often have you felt/thought/experienced ...? It started as just an ordinary day . . . It never ceases to amaze me . . . Would it interest/amaze/surprise/shock you to know ...? You have an awesome responsibility . . . Thank you for the opportunity/invitation to discuss . . . Just like you, I was brought up to believe . . . Come back with me to . . . Imagine . . . Let's start with a history lesson/love story/review . . . The year was . . . Welcome. You are in for a treat. As I was growing up in . . . my dad/mother/teacher always told me . . . It was the most exhilarating moment of my life . . .

Being a _____ is like . . .

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