

Vocabulary: Words to Change the Subject

FORM:

ACTUALLY
BY THE WAY
NOW
RIGHT
WELL

ANYHOW
INCIDENTALLY
NOW THEN
SO
YOU KNOW

ANYWAY
IN FACT
O.K.
THEN
LOOK

USE:

These words usually appear at the beginning of sentences. People use them to indicate that they are changing the topic of a conversation or that they are going to talk about a different aspect of a continuing conversation.

EXAMPLES:

1. "I can't find my stapler anywhere. Anyway, I need a new one."
2. "How will we avoid going over the budget?"
"Look, don't panic, we'll find a solution."

Complete the following sentences.

1. "The sales meeting is next week, isn't it?"
"Actually, _____."
2. "I don't like to work late, but I will tonight."
"Anyhow, _____."
3. "... and Connie says"
"By the way, _____."
4. "We've got to clean up the basement."
"OK, _____."
5. "I hate this chair. It's killing my back."
"Then, _____."
6. "Oh no, the office is cold, again."
"Now, _____."

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7. “I’m cold.”
“So, _____.”
8. “The new manager doesn’t know what he’s doing!”
“You know, _____.”
9. “... and the whole filing system needs to be reorganized”
“Well now, _____.”
10. “This report writing is boring.”
“Anyway, _____.”
11. “... and we’ve got to do the laundry”
“Right, _____.”
12. “... then I heard that John was back in town”
“Incidentally, _____.”