

# Templates

## — Retell Lecture (v2.0) —

### How the Instruction Looks Like

You will hear a lecture. After listening to the lecture, in 10 seconds, please speak into the microphone and retell what you have just heard from the lecture in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

#### Template-1: (for one answer)

- **<topic-sentence>** was the main focus of the lecture.
- The speaker introduced **<phrase-1>** at the beginning.
- He further discussed about **<phrase-2>**.
- Furthermore, he/she offered key insights into **<phrase-3>**.
- As the lecture came to a close, he/she covered **<phrase-4>** in more detail.
- In conclusion, the speaker focused on **<phrase-5>**.

#### Template-2: (for another answer)

- So, the audio was all about **<topic-sentence>**.
- First, the speaker talked about **<phrase-1>**.
- Then, he/she explained **<phrase-2>**.
- He/She also touched on **<phrase-3>**.
- Near the conclusion, he/she brought up **<phrase-4>**.
- And, to finish up, he/she gave some final thoughts on **<phrase-5>**.

### What's Next?

See the next page's "How to Use 'Retell Lecture' Template?" section.

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### How To Use 'Retell Lecture' Template

**Step 1:** First, while listening the audio, write down as many phrases as possible. For example, here is an '**audio transcript**' from a [real question](#). You can write down these underlined phrases in the paper:

"Today, we have more ways to communicate than ever before. We still use our voices, but emails are now the most common method (**1st phrase**). Every year, 74 trillion emails are sent. That's 202 billion emails a day, 2 million per second, and they all end up in our mailboxes. Besides email, we use WhatsApp (**2nd phrase**), with 36 trillion messages sent yearly. There are also 14 trillion WeChat messages, 7 trillion texts, 200 billion tweets, 109 billion Zoom calls (**3rd phrase**), about 5 Yahoo Messenger calls, and surprisingly, 17 million telegrams (**4th phrase**). Yes, telegrams are still being sent every year.

This raises some questions (**5th phrase**): who, what, when, where, why, and how. We can easily answer four of them: telegrams, the world, now. But "who" and "why" are more complex. To understand why such an old technology like telegrams still exists, while others like pagers and dial-up modems have vanished, we need to look at the history of the telegraph (**6th phrase**) system. When telegrams first became available, they were a huge deal. Their influence and widespread use explain why they have lasted so long (**7th phrase**), even in our modern world."

**Step 3:** In the '10 second preparation period', try to use the written phrases with template sentences. Sometimes, you have to 'add or subtract' one or two words.

**Step 4:** When the 'answer time' starts, start telling the answer. For example, if you use 'template-2', your answer will be like:

- So, the audio was all about "the most common method of communication".
- First, the speaker talked about "109 billion Zoom calls".
- Then, he/she explained "how we use WhatsApp".
- He/She also touched on "17 million telegrams".
- Near the conclusion, he/she brought up "some questions".
- And, to finish up, he/she gave some final thoughts on "why they have lasted so long".

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### Do(s) and Don't(s)

1. Practice repeatedly with different audios to improve your speed.
2. While listening to the audio, write down as many **phrases** as you can.
3. Aim for about **35 seconds** in your response.
4. Avoid using just single keywords unless they're really important or proper nouns.
5. Be sure to link your sentences with connectors to keep the flow smooth.
6. Don't take pauses unless absolutely necessary—only pause between sentences.
7. During the '10 second' preparation time, practice the template sentences with your written phrases.
8. Start speaking **immediately** after the recording begins, and press 'Done' as soon as you finish your answer. Otherwise, the computer will record extra silence before and after your speech, which can hurt your score.

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