Change the Subject Politely

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the best signal.

Choose the phrase that fits.

1. You remember something while talking about food.
   Choices: Oh, before I forget, ... / I disagree. ... / Please stop. ...

   Answer: _____

2. You want to go back to the main topic.
   Choices: Anyway, as I was saying, ... / By the way, ... / Guess what? ...

   Answer: _____

3. You have exciting news to share.
   Choices: Guess what? I just got a new job! / I haven’t got news. / It doesn’t matter.

   Answer: _____

4. You introduce something you are interested in.
   Choices: You know, I’m interested in photography. / You don’t know. / It is boring.

   Answer: _____

2. Complete the phrase.

Write one word.

1. By the ___, have you heard that Tori is in town?

2. Oh, ___ I forget, I need to tell you something.

3. ___, I think the movie was great.

4. Guess ___? I just bought a new camera.

3. Write a short dialogue.

Include one signal phrase to change the subject and one to get back on track.

3. Write a short dialogue. (continued)

1. Two friends are talking about weekend plans and one remembers something.