

Phrases That every speaker should Avoid

As far as possible avoid the following hackneyed phrases

1. I rise with diffidence
2. Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking
3. By a happy stroke of fate
4. It becomes my painful duty
5. In the last analysis
6. I am encouraged to go on
7. I point with pride
8. On the other hand (with gesture)
9. I hold
10. The vox populi
11. Be that as it may
12. I shall not detain you
13. As the hour is growing late
14. Believe me
15. We view with alarm
16. As I was about to tell you
17. The happiest day of my life
18. It falls to my lot
19. I can say no more
20. In the fluff and bloom
21. I can only hint
22. I can say nothing
23. I cannot find words
24. The fact is

25. To my mind
26. I cannot sufficiently do justice
27. I fear
28. All I can say is
29. I shall not inflict a speech on you
30. Far be it from me
31. Rise phoenix-like from his ashes
32. But alas!
33. What more can I say?
34. At this late period of the evening
35. It is hardly necessary to say
36. I cannot allow the opportunity to pass
37. For, mark you
38. I have already taken up too much time
39. I might talk to you for hours
40. Looking back upon my childhood
41. We can imagine the scene
42. I haven't the time nor ability
43. Ah, no, dear friends
44. One more word and I have done
45. I will now conclude
46. I really must stop
47. I have done.