

# Daily Standup Phrases

30 ready-to-use English phrases for daily standup meetings — reporting progress, flagging blockers, and giving updates.

<https://coderslingo.com/resources/cheatsheets/standup-phrases/>

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## "Yesterday I..." — reporting progress

Open with what you actually finished. Lead with the outcome, not the activity.

- **Yesterday I finished the login flow and opened a PR for review.**  
*Clean, complete update — done + next step.*
- **I wrapped up the payment refactor and it's now in QA.**  
*"Wrapped up" = finished. Common in standups.*
- **I got the caching layer working — response times dropped noticeably.**  
*Pair the task with its impact when you can.*
- **I made good progress on the migration script but it's not done yet.**  
*Honest mid-task update; sets up "today".*
- **I spent most of yesterday debugging the flaky test.**  
*Fine to report investigation, not just shipped code.*
- **I picked up the ticket about the broken webhook and started digging in.**  
*"Picked up" = took ownership of a task.*
- **I paired with Sam on the search feature for a couple of hours.**  
*Mention collaboration; credit teammates.*
- **I reviewed two PRs and left some comments.**  
*Reviews count as work — say so.*

## "Today I'll..." — sharing your plan

State your intent for the day. Keep it to one or two concrete things.

- **Today I'll address the review comments and get the PR merged.**  
*"Address" = act on feedback. Sounds professional.*
- **I'm planning to finish the migration script and test it on staging.**  
*"On staging" — note the preposition.*
- **My focus today is the rate-limiting bug.**  
*Naming one focus signals clear priorities.*
- **I'll pick up the next ticket once this one is merged.**  
*Shows you have a queue and a sequence.*
- **I want to wrap up the API docs before lunch.**  
*Optional time hints help the team plan.*
- **I'll be heads-down on the perf work most of the day.**  
*"Heads-down" = focused, fewer interruptions.*
- **After standup I'll sync with Maria about the schema change.**  
*"Sync with" = have a quick chat to align.*

## "I'm blocked by..." — flagging blockers

Raise blockers clearly and early. Say what you need and from whom.

- **I'm blocked — I need access to the staging database to test this.**  
*State the blocker, then the exact need.*
- **I'm waiting on the design before I can finish the UI.**  
*"Waiting on" = depending on something not ready.*
- **I'm stuck on the OAuth integration — could someone with auth experience help?**  
*Ask for help by name or by skill.*
- **The deploy is blocked until the security review is done.**

*Blockers can be process, not just code.*

- **No blockers on my side.**

*The standard "all clear" phrase.*

- **I might be blocked later today if the API spec isn't finalised.**

*Flag a risk before it becomes a hard blocker.*

- **Can we take this offline? It's blocking me but it's a longer conversation.**

*"Take it offline" = discuss after standup.*

## **Clarifying, handing off & wrapping up**

*Phrases for when you need detail from someone, or to pass work on cleanly.*

- **Quick clarification — is this for the next release or the current sprint?**

*Ask scope questions in one short sentence.*

- **Just to confirm, you want me to prioritise the bug over the feature?**

*"Just to confirm" — polite priority check.*

- **I'll hand this off to Alex since I'm out tomorrow.**

*"Hand off" = transfer ownership.*

- **Can someone take over the deploy while I'm on the call?**

*Ask for coverage clearly.*

- **I'll add the details to the ticket so it's easy to pick up.**

*Promise written context for async teammates.*

- **That's everything from me.**

*Standard close — keep it short.*

- **Nothing to add — same as yesterday.**

*Honest and brief when there's little to report.*

- **Let's grab five minutes after this to go over it.**

*Move detailed topics out of the group meeting.*



