



MAKING SMALL TALK



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1

Starting a conversation

We often start a conversation with a statement. Match the sentences with the situations.

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| 1. The weather is perfect today. | a. at a conference |
| 2. This soup is delicious. | b. at a hotel |
| 3. I really like your new office. | c. at a restaurant |
| 4. The rooms aren't very nice here. | d. in a car |
| 5. The traffic is really bad. | e. visiting a client |
| 6. The speaker is very interesting. | f. walking outside with a coworker |

Now complete the responses:

agree better every hot knows responsible

- Yes, I know. It isn't usually _____ at this time of year.
- Yes, I _____. And the salad isn't bad, either.
- Thanks. It's much _____ than our last location.
- I know. Please tell Rachel about it. She's _____ for organizing the trip.
- Yes, I know. It's like this _____ day!
- Yeah, he _____ a lot about marketing.

In pairs, practice the mini conversations.



2 Questions and answers

We also start conversations with questions. Match the questions with the answers.

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| 1. What do you think of our country? | a. It's very nice. I really like the people and buildings. |
| 2. Are you married? | b. No, I'm single. |
| 3. How was your trip? | c. No, it's my third time here. |
| 4. Are you enjoying the conference? | d. Oh, it was so long. I'm very tired now. |
| 5. Where do you come from? | e. Well, I was born in Egypt, but I live in Amsterdam now. |
| 6. Is this your first visit to Dublin? | f. Yes, I am. It's very interesting. |

3 What's it like?

Look at the dialogues below:

Sarah: Do you **like** Moscow at this time of year?

Dimitri: Well, it's very cold. I prefer it in summer.

Sarah: What's Moscow **like** at this time of year?

Dimitri: Oh, it's very cold.

Cross out the wrong word to complete each rule.

- In the first question, the word **like** is a verb/preposition .
- In the second question, the word **like** is a verb/preposition .

Complete the dialogue below using the word 'like'.

Sarah: What was the conference like ?

Dimitri: It was very interesting.

Sarah:

Dimitri: Yes, they were very good. And their presentations were very helpful.

Sarah:

Dimitri: It was delicious.

Sarah:

Dimitri: It was raining all day.

Sarah:

Dimitri: Yes, I did. Amsterdam is a beautiful place.



Read the dialogue in pairs.

Choose one of the topics below and have a conversation with your partner.

1. your last vacation
2. a business trip
3. a conference
4. your home town or country





Key

1. Starting a conversation

1. f
 2. c
 3. e
 4. b
 5. d
 6. a
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1. hot
 2. agree
 3. better
 4. responsible
 5. every
 6. knows

2. Questions and answers

1. a
2. b
3. d
4. f
5. e
6. c

3. What's it like?

1. verb
 2. preposition
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2. Did you like the speakers?
 3. What was the food like?
 4. What was the weather like?
 5. Did you like the city?