



BUSINESS

What Is Small Talk?

Small talk is a conversation about unimportant matters. It's used when you're talking to someone you don't know very well and at networking and social events. Business small talk refers to small talk that is conducted in a business setting – such as before a meeting.

Suggested Topics:

The weather
Travel
Celebrity news
Nearby restaurants/Food/Cooking
Local news
Current international events
Sports

Taboo Topics:

Money
Politics
Religion
Sex
Life and death
Appearance and/or age
Personal comments



Small Talk Discussions

The Weather

Do you enjoy the weather here?
Do you prefer winter or summer?
Which country do you think has the best weather?

Travel

When is the best time to visit your country?
What is the best place to in your country?
Do you like to try local foods when you go somewhere?

Celebrity News

1. Which celebrity is currently your favorite?
2. Would you like to be a celebrity?
3. Which celebrity do you think leads an interesting life?



Restaurants

1. Do you like going to restaurants?
2. What are your favorite foods to eat at a restaurant?
3. Is restaurant food better than home-cooked food?

Current International Events

1. What is your opinion on _____ (name a current news story) _____?
2. What international news stories are you interested in?
3. Is there any interesting local news?

Sports

1. Which sport have you always wanted to do but never done?
2. Do you prefer playing or watching sports?
3. Which sport did you do in high school or university?