



BREAK THE ICE

Vocabulary

Match the idioms with their meanings:

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| 1. Get along with | a) to wish someone good luck |
| 2. Hit it off | b) casual conversation about everyday things |
| 3. Break a leg | c) to have a good relationship with someone |
| 4. Small talk | d) an uncomfortable silence in a social situation |
| 5. Awkward silence | e) to quickly become friends with someone |

Exercises

Part 1: Complete the Sentences

- I really _____ my new colleague, we're going to grab coffee soon.
(hit it off / get along with)
- The _____ between us was palpable after the awkward question.
(small talk / awkward silence)
- I'm going to _____ my friend at the audition tonight. (break a leg / hit it off)

Part 2: Create Your Own Sentences

Use the following idioms to create your own sentences:

- Get along with: _____
- Small talk: _____

Part 3: Role-Play

Work with a partner to create a short conversation using at least two of the idioms from the vocabulary list. You can choose a scenario, such as:

- Meeting a new colleague
- Attending a party
- Going on a blind date

True or False

Circle T for True or F for False, based on your understanding of the idiom's meaning.

- The best time to "break the ice" is often after a long, serious discussion has already concluded. (T / F)
- An activity described as an "icebreaker" is usually designed to be serious, challenging, and competitive. (T / F)
- If you successfully "break the ice" with a new colleague, you have removed the initial barrier and now have a much easier path to forming a good working relationship. (T / F)

Teacher's Key

Vocabulary

1. c) to have a good relationship with someone
2. e) to quickly become friends with someone
3. a) to wish someone good luck
4. b) casual conversation about everyday things
5. d) an uncomfortable silence in a social situation

Part 1: Complete the Sentences

1. hit it off
2. awkward silence
3. break a leg