



## SOCIALIZING & SMALL TALK

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### 1. Don't Stop at "Yes" or "No"

Look at this conversation.

**A:** "Do you like travelling?"

**B:** "Yes."

**A:** "Oh."

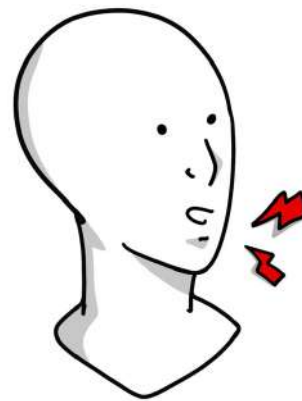
The conversation has stopped!

Now try again.

**A:** "Do you like travelling?"

**B:** "Yes, I do. I really enjoy travelling around Asia."

**A:** "Oh, nice. Which places have you visited?"



### Your Turn

Add a follow-up question to each answer.

**A:** "Do you like cooking?"

**B:** "Yes, I cook quite often."

**A:** "\_\_\_\_\_?"

**A:** "Have you ever been to another country?"

**B:** "Yes, I've been to Japan."

**A:** "\_\_\_\_\_?"

**A:** "What do you do at weekends?"

**B:** "I usually go cycling."

**A:** "\_\_\_\_\_?"

### 3. Find Three Things

Talk to your partner.

Find out:

1. one place they enjoy visiting,
2. one thing they enjoy doing,
3. one food they really like.

Ask follow-up questions.

Don't simply ask the next question from your list.

Listen to the answer and choose your next question.

### 2. Follow-Up Questions

Choose the best follow-up question.

"I really enjoy watching films."

- a. "Why?"
- b. "What kind of films do you like?"
- c. "How old are you?"

"I went to Vietnam last year."

- a. "Did you enjoy it?"
- b. "How much money do you have?"
- c. "Are you married?"

"I usually play football after work."

- a. "Where do you live?"
- b. "How often do you play?"
- c. "What's your salary?"

#### 4. The Conversation Ladder

Try to move through the conversation naturally.

##### STEP 1

Ask a question.

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##### STEP 2

Listen carefully.

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##### STEP 3

React to the answer.

“Oh, really?”

“That sounds interesting.”

“Nice!”

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##### STEP 4

Ask a follow-up question.

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##### STEP 5

Share something about yourself.

“I've never been there, but I'd like to go.”

Now practise with your partner.

#### REAL ENGLISH BOX

Natural conversation is not just **question → question → question**.

React first.

“Oh, really?”

“No way!”

“That sounds great.”

“I've heard good things about it.”

“I know what you mean.”

Then continue.

This makes a conversation feel much more natural.

## Teacher Key

### Section 2:

1-b

2-a

3-b

Sections 1, 3 and 4 are speaking activities.