



SOCIALIZING & SMALL TALK

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1. The Topic Change

Sometimes a conversation becomes difficult because you don't know what to say next.

Choose a new topic.

Current topic: Weather

You could move to:

- ☐ travel
- ☐ local places
- ☐ weekend plans
- ☐ food
- ☐ work
- ☐ hobbies

Choose one.

Now make a natural connection.

Example

"It's really hot today."

"It is. I hope it cools down this weekend."

"Do you have any plans for the weekend?"

2. Connect the Topics

Connect the two topics naturally.

A. Food → Travel

"That restaurant looks really good."

How could you move to travel?

B. Work → Free Time

"Work has been really busy this week."

How could you move to free time?

C. Weather → Outdoor Activities

"It's beautiful today."

How could you move to outdoor activities?

D. Travel → Food

"I went to Thailand last year."

How could you move to food?

3. What If You Don't Know the Topic?

Your partner starts talking about something you don't know much about.

For example:

- "I'm really interested in cricket."
- You don't know much about cricket.
- What could you say?

Choose a useful response.

- a. "I don't know anything about that."
- b. "I'm not very familiar with cricket. What do you enjoy about it?"
- c. "That's boring."

Now try these:

"I'm a big fan of classical music."

You don't know much about classical music.

Your response: _____

"I love hiking in the mountains."

You don't enjoy hiking.

Your response: _____

4. The Conversation Switch

Work with a partner.

Choose a starting topic:

- food
- travel
- work
- hobbies
- films
- local places
- weekends

Talk for two minutes.

At some point, change the subject naturally.

Try:

“That reminds me...”

“Speaking of...”

“By the way...”

“That makes me think of...”



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These phrases are useful when changing the subject:

- “By the way...”
- “Speaking of that...”
- “That reminds me...”
- “Talking of travel...”
- “On a different note...”

You don't need to make a big announcement that you are changing the topic. Just connect the new idea naturally.

Teacher Key

Sections 1–4 are primarily speaking activities.

Section 3:

1–b

Other answers may vary. Accept natural responses that show interest or ask a follow-up question.