



SOCIALIZING & SMALL TALK

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1. The Conversation Has Stopped

Read the situation.

You ask:

- “Do you like sports?”

Your partner says:

- “Not really.”

What can you do?

- **A:** Ask another question about sports.
- **B:** Change the subject.
- **C:** End the conversation.

All three can be correct.

Which would you choose?

Why?

3. Don't Make It an Interview

Look at this conversation.

- **A:** “Where do you live?”
- **B:** “In Bangkok.”
- **A:** “How long have you lived there?”
- **B:** “Five years.”
- **A:** “Do you like it?”
- **B:** “Yes.”
- **A:** “Where do you work?”
- **B:** “At a bank.”

It sounds like an interview.

Now make it more natural.

Add some reactions and information about yourself. 🙌

Example

“Oh, Bangkok. I've visited a few times. What do you like most about living there?”

2. When Someone Gives a Short Answer

Your partner gives a short answer.

Respond naturally.

A: “How was your weekend?”

“Fine.”

You say:

B: “Do you like cooking?”

“Sometimes.”

You say:

C: “Have you seen any good films recently?”

“Not really.”

You say:

Try These

A: “I usually go running before work.”

B: _____

A: “I went to Italy last summer.”

B: _____

A: “I really like cooking.”

B: _____

4. Know When to Stop

Small talk doesn't have to continue forever.

Choose a natural way to end the conversation.

You need to leave.

"It was really nice talking to you. I should get going."

You need to return to work.

"I'd better get back to work."

You want to end politely.

"It was great talking to you."

You are going somewhere else.

"I'm going to get a coffee. See you later."

Now practise ending a conversation with your partner.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

Ending a conversation politely is an important social skill.

Try:

- "It was nice talking to you."
- "It was great meeting you."
- "I'd better get going."
- "I should get back to work."
- "Anyway, I should let you go."
- "See you later."

You don't need to wait until the conversation becomes uncomfortable.