



SOCIALIZING & SMALL TALK

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Part 1 – You Don't Know Anyone	Part 2 – Keep It Going
Imagine you arrive at an event. You don't know anyone. Choose one opening: • “Hi, is this your first time here?” • “Hi, how's it going?” • “Have you been here before?” • “How do you know the people here?” Start a conversation with your partner.	Your partner answers your question. Now you must: ☐ react to the answer ☐ ask a follow-up question ☐ share something about yourself ☐ ask another question Don't read from a list. Listen to your partner and choose your next question.

Part 3 – Change the Subject

After two or three minutes, change the topic.

Try:

- “By the way...”
- “Speaking of that...”
- “That reminds me...”

Move naturally to another topic.

Part 4 – Something Goes Wrong

Your partner gives you a very short answer.

For example:

- “No.”
- “Not really.”
- “I don't know.”
- “Maybe.”

Don't give up immediately.

Try another question.

If the conversation still doesn't work, **change the subject.**

Part 5 – The Final Socializing Challenge

Work with a partner.

Imagine you are at an international event.

You meet three different people.

Person 1

You meet someone while waiting for the event to begin.

Start a conversation.

Person 2

You meet someone during a coffee break.

Continue a conversation and find **two things you have in common.**

Person 3

You have spoken to someone for several minutes.

Change the subject once, then end the conversation politely.

Your Conversation Checklist

Try to use:

- ☐ a natural opening
- ☐ a follow-up question
- ☐ a reaction
- ☐ information about yourself
- ☐ a topic change
- ☐ “By the way...” / “That reminds me...”
- ☐ a polite ending

FINAL CHALLENGE – THE THREE-MINUTE CONVERSATION

Choose any safe everyday topic.

Talk with your partner for **three minutes**.

You are not allowed to prepare every question first.

Listen.

Respond.

Ask questions.

Share information.

Change the topic when necessary.

And finally, end the conversation naturally.

After the conversation

What was easy?

What was difficult?

What would you like to improve?

REAL ENGLISH BOX

A simple formula for real small talk

START → LISTEN → REACT → ASK → SHARE → CHANGE → END

You don't need perfect English.

You need to listen to the other person and respond to what they say.