

Elementary

Get ready for the first online class:

You start the class with your introduction; you will talk about your name, your job, your hobbies and your lifestyle. Watch the first video on the website and make a list of the new words that you learned there. Bring this list to the class and be ready to make sentences with them. You do not need to prepare a lecture/presentation, but you need to prepare many sentences about yourself and say them in the class. Be careful of using *simple present* and make many negative sentences, too.

Then, you will talk about your favorites (TV shows, food, weekend activities and clothes). Your teacher will also talk about her/his favorites and then you can answer with too or *neither/either*. Practice this grammar a lot before the class by making sentences about yourself and your family. For example, *I love sitcoms and my sister does too. Or my father can't stand animals and my mother can't neither*. Also make a list of all the new words that you learn from the videos on the website and bring your list to the class and try to use them all.

You will practice **Dialogue 1**, and here you will choose a different movie to talk about. Before the class, read the dialogue and practice it.

Later, you will practice **Dialogue 2**, and you will practice starting a dialogue with a stranger.

Finally, you should prepare to present the reading of the last page in the class. You don't need to tell all the details, but you need to tell each paragraph.

P.S. Please print all the pages and bring them to the class. The dialogues are imaginary and for each dialogue, teachers will help you understand the situation and then role-play the dialogue.

*Wish you Luck
Dehfarang*

Dialogue 1

M: What's on at the cinema?

E: There's a film on called *Rumor Has it*.

M: Mmm. What kind of movie is it?

E: It's a romantic comedy. It's about a woman and her relationship with her boyfriend and family. It's had good reviews.

M: OK. Who's in it?

E: Er, it stars Kevin Costner and Jennifer Aniston.

M: Oh, I love Kevin Costner – he's a good actor. Who's the director?

E: Rob Reiner. He made *When Harry Met Sally*.

M: Right. And where's it on?

E: The Oden.

M: OK. Let's go and see it.

Dialogue 2

Eve: Ooh, it's cold tonight.

Chris: Yeah, it is. But actually, I kind of like cold weather.

Eve: You do? Really? ...Boy, there are a lot of people out here tonight.

Chris: Yeah, it gets pretty crowded on weekends.

Eve: Do you come here a lot?

Chris: Yeah, I do, actually.

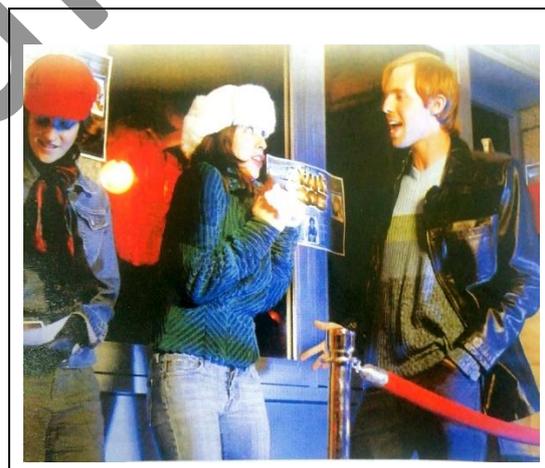
Eve: So are you a big hip-hop fan?

Chris: Yeah, I am. Are you?

Eve: Actually, no, but my brother is in the band tonight.

Chris: Oh, really? Cool... by the way, my name's Chris.

Eve: Nice to meet you. I'm Eve.



Reading

Improve your skills and “small talk” your way to success

According to some surveys, the ability to make small talk is important for social and professional success. Chatting about topics like the weather or weekends helps you connect with people, and that can be the key making friends or business contact. You don't have to be outgoing to make small talk. Just follow these easy tips.

Smile and say “Hello” when you meet someone new. Say your name and shake hands. Try to repeat the person's name: “Nice to meet you, Mariana.”

Make a comment about your surroundings – for example, the weather (“It's really cold today.”) or the event (“There are a lot of people here.”).

Ask questions. Try to find something you have in common: “Are you new to the company, too?” However, don't ask very personal questions, for example about someone's salary or age.

Listen actively. Show interest with comments like “Oh, really?” or “That's interesting.” Keep eye contact, and don't look around the room during your conversation.

Learn about what's going on in the world, so you can add to any discussion.

Take your time. Don't rush the conversation, and don't look at your watch. It can seem rude.

AnsWER people's questions with interesting or funny stories. People love stories and will remember you.

Leave politely. To end a conversation, say something like “Well, it was nice talking to you.” or “Great meeting you. Good luck with your job search!”

Keep in touch. Send a quick email or text message. Say, “It was good to meet you.”