

## Lesson 5: Small Talk

### Lesson Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- ✓ Understanding small talk
- ✓ Picking a suitable topics for conversation
- ✓ Continuing a conversation

Small talk? Is it a talk about something little? Miniature? Unfortunately, that's not what small talk means. Small talk is a light or casual conversation that you can talk about after introducing yourself. How to begin a small talk?



### Topic for Small Talk

So, what topic should you talk about? Here are some general things that you can discuss with your new foreign friends:

- Weather
- Sports
- Food
- Travel
- Hometown
- Hobbies
- Entertainment

Also, it's very important to remember that **YOU SHOULD NOT** talk about these things:

- Politics
- Religions
- Age
- Financial
- Appearance
- Offensive jokes

above, because those things are their privacy.

It is considered to be **impolite** and **rude** when we ask our new friends the topics

## Useful phrases for Small Talk

### Weather

- Beautiful day, isn't it? - Yes, it's very nice today!
- It's warm/chilly/cold, right? - Yes, it's a bit warm here
- Do you like the weather here? - I like it here/I prefer my country
- How is the weather in your country? - It's always cold/warm there

### Travel

- Do you travel a lot? - Yes, I do
- Is this your first time here? - Yes, it's my first time here
- What's your favorite country/city? - My favorite city is Yogyakarta
- What do you think about Indonesia? - I love Indonesia. It's beautiful!

### Food

- Do you like Indonesian food?
- What food do you like?
- Which Indonesian food do you like?

### Entertainment

- What is your favorite movie/book/song?
- Do you like to watch movie/listen to music/read books?
- Who is your favorite actor/singer?

### Example A

A: Good morning and welcome aboard! My name is Niko and I will be your guide today.

B: Morning, Niko! I'm Joanna, I'm happy to join you.

A: Hi Joanna, nice to meet you. Where are you from?

B: I'm from Amsterdam, Netherlands.

A: Oh, you're Dutch! How do you like the weather here in Bandung?

B: The weather here is very nice. It's chilly. Are you from Bandung?

A: I'm from Jakarta, but I live in Bandung.

B: Oh, how is the weather in Jakarta?

A: Well, it is warmer than Bandung.

### Example B

A: Hi, my name is Martin. Nice to meet you!

B: Nice to meet you too, I'm Rika. Where are you from Martin?

A: I'm from Lisbon, Portugal. What about you?

B: Ah, you're Portuguese. I'm from Indonesia and I live in Jakarta.

A: Oh Jakarta, I love it! I went there last year

B: Do you like to travel?

A: Yes, I do. I like to go to new places.

## Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the right words in the box.

**Frank** : Hi, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1)</sup>?

**Aris** : Hi, I'm Aris.

**Frank** : Nice to meet you, Aris! I'm Frank.

**Aris** : Nice to meet you too, Frank!  
 Where \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2)</sup>?

**Frank** : I'm American, but I live in  
 London. Are \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3)</sup>  
 Jakarta, Aris?

**Aris** : No, I'm from Yogyakarta, but I  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4)</sup> in Jakarta.

**Frank** : Oh, I see. What \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5)</sup>  
 your hobby?

**Aris** : My hobby is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6)</sup> comic  
 books.

**Frank** : Oh. What's your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7)</sup>  
 comic book?

**Aris** : I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8)</sup> Detective Conan!

**Frank** : Well, that's a famous comic  
 book.

**Aris** : Do you read comic book?

**Frank** : No. I like \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9)</sup> movies.

**Aris** : What kind of movies do you  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10)</sup>?

**Frank** : I enjoy horror movies.

### 1. (A) What's your job?

- (B) How are you?
- (C) May I have your name?
- (D) Can you help me?

### 2. (A) are you from

- (B) do you from
- (C) are you go
- (D) are you work

### 3. (A) in

- (B) on
- (C) to
- (D) from

### 4. (A) life

- (B) lifes
- (C) live
- (D) lives

### 5. (A) is

- (B) am
- (C) are
- (D) was

### 6. (A) read

- (B) reads
- (C) reading
- (D) readed

### 7. (A) like

- (B) favorite
- (C) hobby
- (D) love

### 8. (A) love

- (B) loves
- (C) likes
- (D) dislike

### 9. (A) watch

- (B) watches
- (C) watched
- (D) watching

### 10. (A) likes

- (B) favorite
- (C) hobby
- (D) like