

Here you will find an overview of useful terms and phrases that you can use for [English small talk](#). Print out this PDF document, practice with it regularly, and have it on hand to skim over before an important conversation.

Conversation Starter

The weather

Hi Tom, how are you doing?

How is the weather like in London?

Fine, thanks! [How are you?](#)

It looks like it is going to rain.

Hi, I don't think we have met. I'm Kate.

The weather is lovely, isn't it?

Nice to meet you.

Beautiful day, isn't it?

Nice to see you again.

It is a bit too warm/cold for this time of year, isn't it?

I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.

The weather really has been lovely those last few days, hasn't it?

I'd like you to meet John.

It's quite windy.

Let me introduce you to John.

It's pouring.

The journey

Hobbies

How was your flight/trip?

What do you think about last night's basketball game?

Is your hotel alright?

Have you seen this movie? I thought it was amazing!

Is this your first time in Berlin?

Do you like playing tennis?

How do you like Berlin?

I hear you are a passionate tennis player?

Did you find us ok?

Have you seen the match between A and B?

Vacation

Do you have any holidays coming up?

I've heard you were in Barcelona last week. How did you like the food there?

I heard wildlife is fascinating in South Africa. Did you get a chance to see any animals during your trip?

Did you try surfing/diving?

Closing the conversation

On the phone

It was very nice to meet you.

Hi, this is Kate speaking.

It was great talking to you!

One moment please, I'll see if John is available.

It was nice seeing you again.

I'm afraid he is in a meeting at the moment.

You, too!

When can I reach him?

Sorry, I've got to go. I have a meeting/
appointment at 3 pm.

I'm just calling to...

Take care.

May I interrupt you for a second?

Have a good day!

Sorry, I didn't get that. Could you repeat that,
please?

Good luck with your new job!

Thank you John, it's been a pleasure talking to
you.

I'll call you later!

Thanks for your help, Kate. I will see you
tomorrow/speak to you soon.

Yes, see you!

Have a nice day, goodbye!

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