

Lesson B: Small talk



Listening



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These people are meeting for the first time. Listen to their conversations. Where are the people?

Conversation 1 The speakers are in _____.

- a. a hospital b. a school c. an airport

Conversation 2 These people are in _____.

- a. a restaurant b. an apartment c. an office building



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Listen again. What do the people make small talk about?

Conversation 1 They make small talk about _____.

- a. classes b. weather c. clothes

Conversation 2 They make small talk about _____.

- a. sports b. TV shows c. the neighborhood



C Work with a partner. What will they talk about next? Think of two more ideas for each conversation.

Pronunciation: *Have* or *has* vs. contractions

In statements with the present perfect tense, **have** and **has** are sometimes pronounced completely, but in informal speaking, contractions may be used.



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Listen and repeat.

Have

Contraction

Has

Contraction

I have

I've

she has

she's

you have

you've

he has

he's

we have

we've

it has

it's

they have

they've



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Listen and circle the sentences you hear.

1. a. I have never gone skiing.

b. I've never gone skiing.

2. a. He has been to Colombia three times.

b. He's been to Colombia three times.

3. a. Linda has taken a scuba diving class.

b. Linda's taken a scuba diving class.

4. a. They have already eaten breakfast.

b. They've already eaten breakfast.

5. a. We have had three tests this week.

b. We've had three tests this week.

6. a. Michael has found a new job.

b. Michael's found a new job.

*Remember that **has** is pronounced with a /z/ sound.

She **has** already watched that movie, so she doesn't want to see it again.

*Remember to link words together when the word after a contraction begins with a vowel sound.

I've **always** liked that restaurant. They serve delicious food there.