

Small talk practice

VOCABULARY Small talk phrases

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Can you believe
- 2 I like
- 3 Do you come from
- 4 I find these kinds of
- 5 Is it your first time
- 6 Do you know anything about
- 7 Oh, you're reading
- 8 I love the

- a your tie. It's a really nice pattern.
- b in Ho Chi Minh City?
- c this traffic? It's terrible!
- d view from the roof – it's amazing.
- e Peru?
- f *The Catcher in the Rye*. I really enjoyed that book.
- g courses really interesting.
- h the local markets?

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4  1 55 Listen and check your answers to Exercise 3. Then complete the sentences below.

- 1 _____ the conference?
- 2 Oh, _____ Sumitomo Metals. I have a friend who works for them.
- 3 _____ shoes
- 4 _____ all this cold weather.
- 5 _____ Tibidabo yet?
- 6 _____ in Buenos Aires?

5 Put the words in the correct order to make follow-up questions.

- 1 do / in / Japan / live? / Whereabouts / you

- 2 at / in / like / moment? / New York / the / the / weather / What's

- 3 Have / Parc Güell? / visited / you

- 4 buy / did / them? / Where / you

- 5 a / coming / Do / have / holiday / soon? / up / you

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3  1 54 Listen. You will hear six conversation openers (1–6). Match them with the correct responses (a–f).

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| 1 ☐ | 3 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 2 ☐ | 4 ☐ | 6 ☐ |

- a Thanks. I got them in Milan.
- b No, I haven't, but it's on my to-do list.
- c Yes, I am. It's been very interesting so far.
- d Yes, it is. I love it here.
- e I know. I wish I had a thicker coat.
- f Yes, I do. I'm based in Japan.

6 Match each follow-up question in Exercise 5 with the correct response (a–e).

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| 1 ☒ | 3 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| 2 ☐ | 4 ☐ | |

- a Yes. It's beautiful. I would like to go again.
- b Cool and cloudy.
- c At a small shop near the hotel.
- d No, unfortunately. Not until the summer.
- e Osaka.