

## Business communication | Making small talk and developing a conversation

- 1** Work with a partner. Look at the topics below. Which ones is it normal to talk about in your country when you meet someone from abroad for the first time?

*work   the journey   money   the visitor's country*  
*family   politics   interests   holidays*

- 2** **36▶** Listen to Dan Ford meeting Jozef Dropinski at the airport. Which topics from **1** do they talk about?

- 3** **36▶** Complete the questions from the conversation in **2** with *do*, *did*, or *are*. Then listen and check your answers.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ you have a good flight?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ you often travel abroad on business?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ you see the Alhambra?
- 4 What \_\_\_\_\_ you think of it?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ you interested in architecture?
- 6 When \_\_\_\_\_ you usually take your holiday?

- 4** Complete the table with the questions in **3**.

<b>Asking about a journey</b>	<b>Asking about experiences</b>
How was your journey? _____	Is this your first time in Tokyo? Have you been here before? _____
Was the flight delayed? _____	
<b>Asking about habits</b>	<b>Asking about opinions / interests</b>
Do you ever go skiing? _____ _____	What kind of music do you like? _____

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- 5** Work with a partner. Choose three of the topics in **1** and make four questions about each topic.
- 6** Work with a different partner. Take turns to ask and answer your questions.
- 7** Work with a partner. You are visiting each other's countries. Take turns to make small talk and develop a conversation, using the ideas below.
- the hotel
  - the journey
  - their interests
  - food
  - their families
  - holidays

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