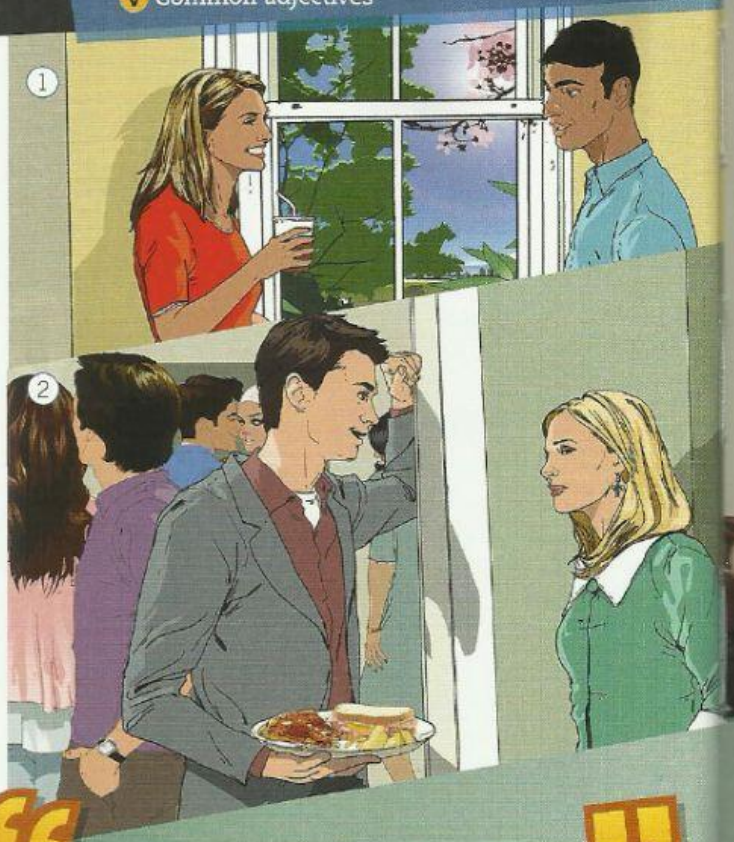
# 1A Do you play any sports?

Learn to ask and answer personal questions

G Question forms
V Common adjectives



## 1 SPEAKING AND LISTENING

**a** Look at pictures 1–3 and answer the questions.

1 What event are the people at?
2 Do you think each pair are meeting for the first time? Why/Why not?

**b** 1.2 Listen to the people's conversations 1–3. What do they talk about? Write the numbers.

- the party 1, 2, 3
- people they know _____
- money _____
- where they live _____
- work _____
- their interests _____
- education _____

**c** 1.2 Listen again. Which speakers are not enjoying their conversations? Why?

## 2 VOCABULARY Common adjectives

**a** 1.3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives the speakers used in the listening. Then listen and check.

alright awful strange delicious perfect boring

1 It's a _____ day for a birthday party.
2 The pizza is _____.
3 It's _____, but the music is a bit _____.
4 It's an _____ film.
5 It's a really _____ story.

**b** Which of the adjectives from 2a are positive? Which adjectives are negative? Which adjective means 'OK'?

**c** ▶ Now go to Vocabulary Focus 1A on p.133

## 3 READING

**a** Talk to a partner. Answer the questions together.

1 Where do you usually meet new people?
2 Do you usually start conversations or wait for others to speak?
3 What's the first question you usually ask someone?

**b** Read the first paragraph of *Small Talk*. Who is the article for? What problem does it help with?

**c** Read the article. Complete gaps 1–8 with the questions.

How do you know Ana?
How much do you earn?
Do you live near here?
How much rent do you pay?
What do you do?
How's the food?
Do you play any sports?
Where did you buy them?

**d** Read the article again with a partner. Do you both agree with the advice?

## "SMALL TALK"

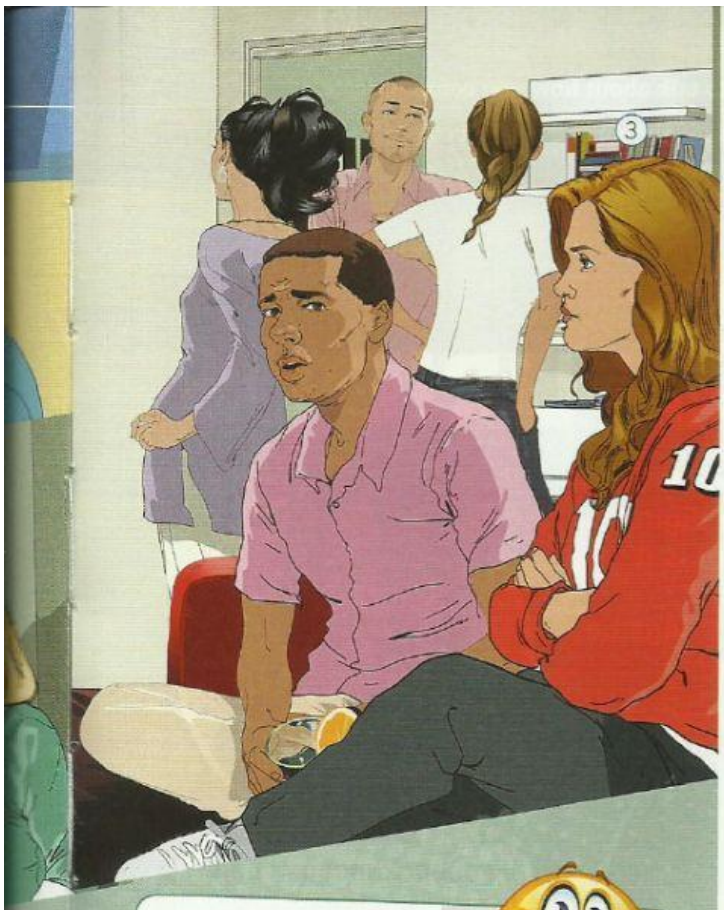
**Do you have problems when you meet people for the first time?**

**Is it difficult to think of what to talk about? Don't worry. You don't need to talk about yourself; ask the right questions and you can make the other person talk.**

When you start a conversation with a new person, ask about the situation you're in and the people who are there:
**What do you think of the party?**
**1** .....
**2** .....

Say something positive and follow it with a question:
**This music's brilliant. Do you know what it is?**
**The match was great last night. Do you watch the football?**
**I really like your shoes. 3** .....

Then, ask personal questions about interests and hobbies to show you are interested:
**Did you see the film? What was it like?**
**4** ..... **Which ones?**
**What was the last album you bought? What kind of music is that?**



When you feel more relaxed, ask personal questions about relationships and home life:

**Where did you grow up?**

**Are you married? Do you have any children?**

5 .....

Holidays are always a good topic if the conversation slows down:

**Do you have any holiday plans?**

**Where did you go for your last holiday?**

You can ask about work and studies anytime:

6 .....

*or* **Where do you study?**

But be careful – sometimes people don't want to talk about work at a party!

There are also some topics that are never a good idea.

Money – people usually think talking about money is rude. So unless you know people very well, don't ask:

7 .....

*or*

8 .....

Politics and religion – you don't want to start an argument!

Age – never guess anyone's age. They won't be happy if you get it wrong!

## 4 GRAMMAR Question forms

**a** Complete the tables with the questions in the box.

Where did you meet? Are you married?
Who do you know at this party? Why were you late?
Do you like the music? Is she your sister?

**Questions with the verb *be***

| Question word | Verb *be* | Subject | Adjective, noun, etc. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Why | | | late? |
| | Are | | |
| | | | |

**Questions with other main verbs**

| Question word | Auxiliary verb | Subject | Main verb | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Where | | | meet? | |
| | | | know | at this party? |
| | Do | | like | the music? |

**b** Look at the two tables in 4a and answer questions 1 and 2.

1 In questions with the verb *be*, which word is first, *be* or the subject?
2 In questions with other main verbs, what kind of word goes before the subject?

**c** ▶ Now go to Grammar Focus 1A on p.142

**d** 1.8 **Pronunciation** Listen to the questions in the tables in 4a. Underline the stressed words.

**e** Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 do / like / what kind of music / you ?
2 do / what / your parents / do ?
3 grow up / did / you / in this area ?
4 are / you / how old ?
5 have / you / do / any hobbies ?
6 speak / any other languages / you / do ?

**f** 1.9 Listen and check. Underline the stressed words.

**g** Ask and answer the questions in 4e.

## 5 SPEAKING

**a** Write down six questions that you would like to ask other people in the class. You can use questions from this lesson or your own. Think about:

- home
- relationships
- education
- work
- interests
- people you know
- the weekend
- travel
- something else?

**b** Work in small groups. Ask the other students the questions you wrote in 5a. Then ask for more information.

Do you live near here?

No, I live 20 km away.

Oh, how do you get here?

By car.