

Everyday English

Making conversation

1 2.12 It's the first day of term in a UK language school. Listen to two conversations between the teachers and students in the photos. Which conversation is more successful? Why?

2 When you are having a conversation, it helps if you ...

- don't just answer *yes* or *no*
- ask questions
- add a comment
- say things to show you're interested

Underline examples of these in conversation 2 on p130.

3 Match a line in **A** with a reply in **B**. Do you think any of **B**'s replies are too short?

A	B
1 What a lovely day it is today!	☐ a No I didn't. I was out.
2 Are you having a good time in Edinburgh?	☒ b Yes, beautiful, isn't it!
3 Have a good weekend!	☐ c Thanks, that's very kind of you. I will.
4 Did you have a nice weekend?	☐ d Thank you! They're new!
5 What are you doing tonight?	☐ e She's OK, thanks.
6 How's your mother these days?	☐ f Yes, I am.
7 Did you watch that new crime drama last night?	☐ g Yes, I did – despite the weather!
8 I like your shoes!	☐ h Thanks. You too!
9 If you have any problems, just ask.	☐ i Nothing special.

2.13 Listen and check. What does **B** say after each reply to keep the conversation going?

4 Practise the conversations with a partner. Try to remember the extra lines.

Keeping a conversation going

5 Work with a partner. Begin a conversation with one of these lines. Keep the conversation going as long as possible.

'I'm off work today.'

'Skiing is my favourite sport.'

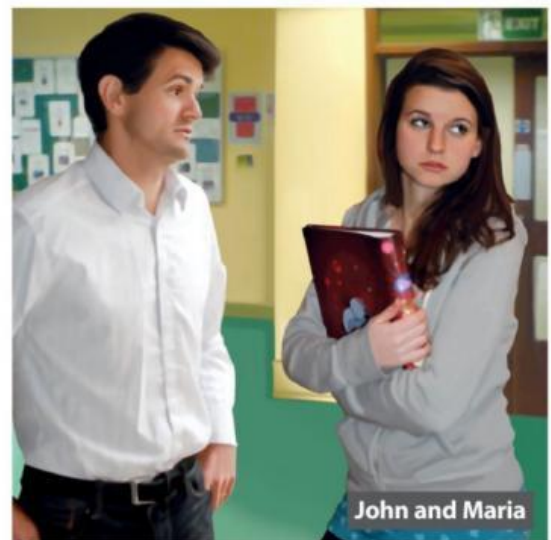
'I go to Paris a lot on business.'

'We're getting a cat!'

'I'm looking for a new job at the moment.'

'I was on holiday last month.'

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Writing An email – linking words

- 1 You receive an email from an old friend you haven't heard from for many years. What will you tell them about your life when you reply? Make some notes.

but, although, however

- 2 These three sentences all mean the same. How are the linking words used differently?

- 1 I don't like Facebook, **but** I use it to keep in touch with friends.
- 2 **Although** I don't like Facebook, I use it to keep in touch with friends.
- 3 I don't like Facebook. **However**, I use it to keep in touch with friends.

- 3 Join these pairs of sentences in different ways using *but*, *although*, and *however*.

- 1 I love ice cream. I try not to eat it too often.
- 2 Alex is a good friend. We don't have a lot in common.
- 3 I live near Zoe. I don't see her very often.
- 4 It rained a lot. We had a really good holiday.

so, because

- 4 Look at these sentences.

1 John lived in France for many years, **so** he speaks French well.

2 John speaks French well **because** he lived in France for many years.

Which sentence is: Result → Cause ?

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- 5 Join these pairs of sentences in different ways using *so* and *because*.

- 1 I don't eat broccoli. I don't like it.
- 2 She went home. She was tired.
- 3 The train was very expensive. We went by bus.
- 4 It started to rain. We had to stop the tennis match.
- 5 My grandmother's ill. I'm going to visit her.
- 6 I enjoy history lessons. I really like the teacher.

- 6 Read the email. Who is writing to who? Why? What news does she give? Complete the email with the linking words.

but although however so because

- 7 Write an email to your old friend, telling them how you are, and what you're doing these days. Use your notes from 1, the highlighted phrases in Amber's email, and some of the linking words.

Date: October 28 20:07:36 + (0100 (BST)
From: Amber Davis <amber231@donmail.com>
To: Grace Turner <gracetrn@fsnet.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Do you remember me?!

Hi Grace!

How wonderful to hear from you! How did you find my email address? Of course I remember you, ¹_____. I realize it's nearly seven years now since you were my neighbour. Time flies! You told me quite a lot about you and your family, ²_____. I'd like to know more. And you asked how I am these days, ³_____ here's my news.

First things first, Alan and I are now divorced! I know you never liked him much, ⁴_____ you're probably not too surprised. ⁵_____, I still see a lot of him of course ⁶_____ the twins go and stay with him every week. They're nine now! They're lovely girls, ⁷_____ Jessica is a bit of a handful sometimes! And we don't live in Birmingham any more – we moved ⁸_____. I didn't want them to grow up in the city. We live in a village called Clent. It's lovely, and ⁹_____ it's only ten miles south of Birmingham, it's in the middle of some wonderful countryside. I'm really enjoying village life. We have a huge garden, ¹⁰_____ I'm growing my own vegetables now. I'm thinking of getting some chickens, ¹¹_____ I'm not sure that the neighbours will be happy about that!

Come and see us some time! I'm afraid I can't invite you to stay ¹²_____ the house is small, and we don't have a spare room. ¹³_____, there's a lovely pub in the village with rooms, so you could stay there.

Let's keep in touch. I can't wait to hear more of your news, ¹⁴_____ please write soon.

Love,

Amber x



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Complete the conversation.



- H** Hi. My name's Harry. I'm a friend of Marco's.
C Hi, Harry. I'm Carolina, I'm a friend of Marco's, too. How do you ¹ _____ Marco?
H We're in the same maths class at college.
C Oh really! ² _____ enjoying your maths classes?
H No, they're really difficult, and I don't like all the homework.
C Marco says the same, but he likes the teacher. ³ _____ you?
H Oh, yes! Professor Morris is brilliant! She's so clever. What are you ⁴ _____?
C I'm studying Spanish and history.
H Really! ⁵ _____ interesting. Can you ⁶ _____ Spanish fluently?
C Well, I'm quite good, but I still make mistakes.
H I bet you're great. Have you heard of that new Spanish restaurant in town? The 'El Toro'?
C The bull! Yes, it looks good.
H How ⁷ _____ going there one night? You could help me learn Spanish. *Mi español es terrible!*
C Yes, I'd ⁸ _____ to.
H How about next Friday? I'll ring and book a table.
C OK. Lovely!

2.6 Listen and check.

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REVIEW

Grammar

1 Write the third person singular of these verbs.

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|---------|--------------|
| 1 live | <u>lives</u> |
| 2 work | _____ |
| 3 enjoy | _____ |
| 4 play | _____ |
| 5 watch | _____ |
| 6 relax | _____ |
| 7 study | _____ |
| 8 try | _____ |
| 9 go | _____ |
| 10 do | _____ |

2 Write the *-ing* form of these verbs.

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|-----------|----------------|
| 1 rain | <u>raining</u> |
| 2 go | _____ |
| 3 come | _____ |
| 4 swim | _____ |
| 5 leave | _____ |
| 6 stop | _____ |
| 7 run | _____ |
| 8 take | _____ |
| 9 begin | _____ |
| 10 travel | _____ |

3 Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- Vince drive ten miles to work every day.
- What languages does Lydia speaks?
- I studying Japanese at Manchester University.
- I not like fish.
- Brad and Glen is playing football in the garden.
- My brother always have a cup of tea in the morning.
- Has got Ross any brothers or sisters?
- Fiona no has any children.
- The phone rings. Who could it be this late?
- Karen is always having the latest designer jeans.

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