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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?

SMALL TALK

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

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.

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
_____

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

1 e 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.

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