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Where are you from?

- Starting a conversation
- Closing a conversation

1 | Vocabulary

A Look at these conversation topics. Check (✓) the people you would talk to about these topics.

Topics	Friends	Family	Anyone	No one
money				
school grades				
personal problems				
hobbies and interests				
home life and family life				
marriage and relationships				

B PAIR WORK Tell your partner which topics are OK and not OK to talk about with specific people.

Example:

A: I think it is OK to talk about hobbies and interests with anyone.

B: I agree. It's not OK to talk about money with friends.

2 | Conversation

CD1 **2 A** Listen. Where is Nicole from? Who did Brian travel with?

Nicole: Hi. How's it going? I'm Nicole.

Brian: Pretty good. My name's Brian.

Nicole: And where are you from?

Brian: I'm from Canada. And you?

Nicole: Brazil.

Brian: I went to Brazil last year!

Nicole: Really? Wow. Did you travel alone?

Brian: No, I went with friends. It was fun. Listen, I'd better get going.



B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation.

CD1 **3 C** Listen. Write the two extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.

3 | Language Booster

A Notice the different ways we start and close a conversation.

Starting a conversation		Closing a conversation	
Hi.	My name's...	Listen, I'd better get going.	See you later.
Hello.	How's it going?	Well, I need to go.	Have a nice day.
Excuse me.	What's your name?	I've got to run.	Nice talking to you.
Nice day, isn't it?		It's been nice talking to you.	Take care.

B PAIR WORK Take turns starting a conversation. Find out your partner's name and where he or she is from. Then close the conversation.

4 | Pronunciation Contractions

CD1 4 A Listen and practice. Notice how we pronounce contractions.

One syllable			Two syllables		
what's	I'm	she's	isn't	doesn't	wasn't
I've	it's	they've	couldn't	didn't	wouldn't

B PAIR WORK Complete the questions to get your partner to answer with *no*. Take turns asking and answering the questions. Pay attention to the pronunciation of contractions.

- Are you from _____?
- Do you have any _____?
- Is your best friend _____?
- Were you in _____ yesterday?

ONLINE PRACTICE 

SPEAK *with* CONFIDENCE

CLASS ACTIVITY Walk around the class and start a conversation with someone. Ask questions about the topics in the Vocabulary section. Then close the conversation. Talk to at least five people.

