

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**.

Asking about a journey How was your journey? _____ Was the flight delayed? _____	Asking about experiences Is this your first time in Tokyo? Have you been here before? _____
Asking about habits Do you ever go skiing? _____ _____	Asking about opinions / interests _____ 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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