

SMALL TALK

At a bus stop

Look at the photo and answer the questions

What do you see in the photo?
Where are these people?
Do you think they know each other?
What might their relationship be?
What might they be talking about?
Where might they be going?



Read the small talk below. Tick the sentences which may sound impolite or include some inappropriate remarks.

Woman: We couldn't ask for a better day, could we?

Man: I know. There isn't a cloud in the sky. I love this time of year.

Woman: Me too. I simply can't take my eyes off the cherry blossom. It is so beautiful.

Man: You're right. Speaking of the weather, I've heard it will be rainy at the weekend.

Woman: Really? Oh well. I have to work at the weekend anyway. I'm a doctor, you see.

Man: That's impressive. I'm sure you make good money with that diamond ring you have on your finger.

Woman: Oh, the bus seems to be running late. How long have we been waiting here?

Man: It's 15 minutes late now. I hope it doesn't make me late for my appointment; my time is very valuable, you know.

Woman: Yes, waiting can be frustrating. So, where are you heading today?

Man: Actually, I'm going to the new museum exhibit downtown. I hope it's not too crowded with tourists; they can be so annoying.

Woman: I've heard the exhibit is worth seeing. Hopefully, it won't be too busy.

Man: Yeah, I just hope it's not full of people who don't know how to appreciate art.

Woman: Oh, here comes the bus.

Man: Good. Wait a minute. That's not the bus we want. That bus goes downtown.

Woman: Oh, well. It looks like we'll be waiting a little longer. I could use some time to catch up on my reading though.

Man: I love reading. At the moment I'm reading a Stephen King book. Do you like Stephen King?

Woman: Not really.

Man: Oh, here's our bus.

Woman: Oh great. I thought it would never come. Well, have a nice day.

Man: Sorry, let me ask you just one more thing. Have you read the news today?

WRITING

Write down a small talk of your own. The photos below might give you some ideas.

