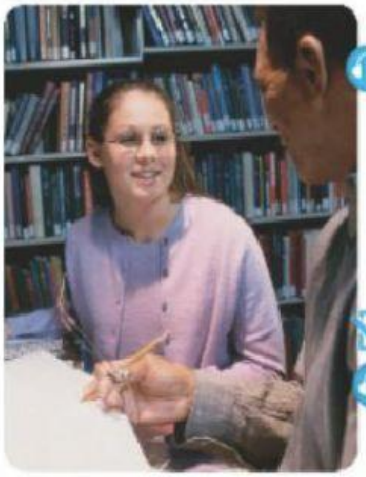
Lesson B: Small talk



Listening

A 7 These people are meeting for the first time. Listen to their conversations. Where are the people?

Conversation 1 The speakers are in _____.
a. a hospital **b.** a school **c.** an airport

Conversation 2 These people are in _____.
a. a restaurant **b.** an apartment **c.** an office building

B 7 Listen again. What do the people make small talk about?

Conversation 1 They make small talk about _____.
a. classes **b.** weather **c.** clothes

Conversation 2 They make small talk about _____.
a. sports **b.** TV shows **c.** the neighborhood

C Work with a partner. What will they talk about next? Think of two more ideas for each conversation.

Pronunciation: *Have* or *has* vs. contractions

In statements with the present perfect tense, ***have*** and ***has*** are sometimes pronounced completely, but in informal speaking, contractions may be used.

*Remember that *has* is pronounced with a /z/ sound.
She **has** already watched that movie, so she doesn't want to see it again.

*Remember to link words together when the word after a contraction begins with a vowel sound.
I've always liked that restaurant. They serve delicious food there.

A 8 Listen and repeat.

Have	Contraction	*Has*	Contraction
I have	I've	she has	she's
you have	you've	he has	he's
we have	we've	it has	it's
they have	they've		

B 9 Listen and circle the sentences you hear.

1. **a.** I have never gone skiing. **b.** I've never gone skiing.
2. **a.** He has been to Colombia three times. **b.** He's been to Colombia three times.
3. **a.** Linda has taken a scuba diving class. **b.** Linda's taken a scuba diving class.
4. **a.** They have already eaten breakfast. **b.** They've already eaten breakfast.
5. **a.** We have had three tests this week. **b.** We've had three tests this week.
6. **a.** Michael has found a new job. **b.** Michael's found a new job.

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