

Small talk practice

VOCABULARY Small talk phrases

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 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?

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

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

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| 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.

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

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| 1 ☒ | 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.