

Practice Listening English Exercises for B1 – Small Talk

Getting Ready

Do you use these expressions to greet someone you know or to introduce yourself to someone you don't know? Check (✓) the correct answer.

	greet	introduce
1 I don't think we've met.		
2 Hi! I haven't seen you for a long time!		
3 Hello. My name's Kate.		
4 Hi, nice to see you again.		
5 Hi. I'm Don. I just started working here.		
6 Betsy! How are you doing?		
7 Hey, aren't you in my class? I'm Tom Crane.		

People are talking at a party.
Have they met before?
Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.



	Have met	Haven't met
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Listening 2



Task 1

People are making small talk. What are they talking about? Listen and circle the correct answer.

1 a clothes	3 a the weather
b school	b a vacation
c work	c health problems
2 a work	4 a school
b school	b work
c friends	c a new boyfriend

5 a school
b work
c apartment
6 a work
b family
c school



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Task 2

Listen again. Does the last speaker want to continue or end the conversation? Check (✓) the correct answer.



	continue	end		continue	end
1			4		
2			5		
3			6		

LISTENING 3

Task 1

People are making small talk. What question are they answering? Circle the correct answer.



1. a. Are you here on vacation?
b. Do you like living here?
2. a. Do you think English is difficult?
b. Why are you studying English?
3. a. How old are your children?
b. How many children do you have?
4. a. What kind of work do you do?
b. What kind of job would you like?
5. a. When did you arrive?
b. Have you been having fun here?
6. a. Where did you go on vacation?
b. Where are you from?

Task 2

Listen again. Circle the best response.



- 1 a I'm glad you like it here.
b That's too bad.
c Me, neither.
- 2 a I like those DVDs, too.
b Why don't you like them?
c I agree. They're terrible.
- 3 a Thanks anyway.
b I agree. Two is enough.
c I'm glad you and your husband agree.
- 4 a Thanks. I'd love to.
b Sorry. I'm busy that day.
c I'd love to see your house.
- 5 a You'll love the beach.
b What kind of car will you buy?
c Good idea. The scenery is great there.
- 6 a Yeah, I think I will.
b Really? Why not?
c You're right. I shouldn't go there.

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Conversation Corner: Seeing someone you know

Task 1

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.



A: Hi, haven't we met before?

B: Yeah, I think we met at Kate's wedding.

A: That's right! Have lately?

B: No, I haven't seen her in months. But I husband last week.

A: Oh, really?

B: He's doing really well. He told me that he got a great new job.

A: I'm hear that. Well, I've got to go, but it was great to see you.

B: Yeah, you, too! If you see John again, said hello.

