

## SMALL TALK PRACTICE 1

### At a Bus Stop

Read the small talk below and **find the 10 mistakes** in this conversation. Tip: Not all are 100% related to grammar, for example.



**Woman:** We could 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. The cherry blossoms are beautiful, you think?

**Man:** They sure are. But I heard he is calling for rain all weekend.

**Woman:** Really? Oh well. I have to work all weekend anyway. I'm a doctor.

**Man:** Wow. I'm sure you make good money with that diamond watch you have on.

**Woman:** Ah, this bus seems to be running late. How long of a wait is it already?

**Man:** I've been here for at least fifteen minutes now.

**Woman:** Where are you heading today?

**Man:** Actually, I'm going to the City Hall to cast my vote for mayor.

**Woman:** Oh, what a coincidence. So am I! Who are you voting for?

**Man:** Um, well...I'm still thinking about it.

**Woman:** Here comes a bus now.

**Man:** Oh good. Wait, that's not the bus we want. That bus goes downtown.

**Woman:** Well, it looks like we'll be waiting a little longer. I guess, I'll use this time to catch up on my reading.

**Man:** I love reading. Right now 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:** Say, did you catch the news today?

**Did you find all 10 mistakes? Why do you consider them mistakes?**

## SMALL TALK PRACTICE 2

### At the office

Read the small talk below and **find the 10 mistakes** in this conversation. Tip: Not all are 100% related to grammar.



**Woman:** Hi there.

**Man:** Hi. I haven't seen you around here before.  
Have you been working long?

**Woman:** No, I've only been here a few months. I work in the Human Resources Department.

**Man:** Oh, you must make more money than I do then. I'm in Sales.

**Woman:** Sales sounds like an interesting job.

**Man:** It's okay. Hey, you look like you could really have a coffee.

**Woman:** Yes, it's been a really hectic week.

**Man:** Tell me about it! At least it's supposing to be a nice weekend.

**Woman:** Yes, I've listened that they are calling for blue skies.

**Man:** Say, did you happen to catch the game last night?

**Woman:** No, I was working late.

**Man:** It was a great game. We won in overtime.

**Woman:** Actually, I don't even know who was playing. I don't really follow sports.

**Man:** The Chiefs! Do you think they're going to make it to the finals this year?

**Woman:** I'm not sure. Well, I better get back to my desk.

**Man:** Speaking of desks, what do you think of the new office furniture?

**Woman:** It's nice, but I would rather get paid for my overtime hours than have new furniture.

**Man:** Oh. Well, I think I'll be heading home early today. It might be snow.

**Woman:** I know. I can't believe all of this cold weather. Hopefully Spring will come soon.

**Man:** I can't wait until Spring. **Woman:** Me neither! My divorce will finally come through by then!

**Did you find all 10 mistakes? Why do you consider them mistakes?**