

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.

