



Learn English: Small Talk and Tag Questions

Reading Comprehension

Have you ever experienced someone suddenly talking to you in a public place? Maybe they asked you about the weather or gave you a compliment. That's small talk! Small talk is a casual conversation and it happens every day, between many people in many places.

Why do some people like small talk?

I like small talk because it has no set goal and it helps me improve my social skills. Small talk can help people feel more confident. With small talk, I can make new friends. My favorite topics are current events and the weather. - Jenny, 25

Why do some people don't like small talk?

Small talk is scary, isn't it? I've never liked it. I don't understand why people talk to other people, especially in public places. I think it is a huge waste of time. I have to wear headphones because I don't want people talking to me. - Mark, 30

Is small talk important?

Small talk seems unimportant, doesn't it? But it's necessary. Small talk helps you get to know people and has various benefits. For example, it relieves tension between people and boosts the mood. It can also help you develop valuable social skills. -Yuka, 20

What are some tips for small talk?

Small talk doesn't have to be difficult. Start with an easy topic. Compliment the person or talk about the location around you. If the other person doesn't answer, you must respect them and stop talking. Not everyone likes small talk. -Carla, 42