

SMALL TALK



PART 1 Before lesson #4

Watch the video. Would you take part in this experiment?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfHV4-N2LxQ&t=43s>

PART 2 Before lesson #4

We are going to discuss these questions

1. **Meeting New People:** What's your favorite way to break the ice and introduce yourself when meeting new people? Can you recall a memorable encounter that started off with a great conversation starter?
2. **Social Events:** Do you enjoy attending social events and gatherings? What type of events do you find most enjoyable, and how do you usually approach mingling with unfamiliar faces?
3. **Overcoming Shyness:** If you consider yourself a bit shy, what strategies do you use to feel more comfortable when meeting new people? Have you found any techniques particularly effective?
4. **Cultural Exchange:** Have you ever interacted with people from a different cultural background? How do you navigate potential cultural differences when striking up conversations or making new friends?
5. **Networking Tips:** In professional settings, such as networking events, what techniques do you use to make a lasting impression and build meaningful connections with new acquaintances?

PART 3 Before lesson #4

Match the expressions with the definitions at the bottom

1. **make small talk**
2. **talk shop**
3. **have a chat**
4. **exchange a few words**
5. **strike up a conversation**

- a. talk with someone for a very short time
- b. have a conversation about unimportant things with someone you don't know very well
- c. start to talk with someone you don't know
- d. talk about business with people you work with when you are not at work
- e. talk to someone in a friendly, informal way

MONEY



PART 1 Before lesson #12

Put the adjectives below into the correct categories. Which words are disapproving?

affluent broke mean penniless cheap tight-fisted generous wasteful
giving wealthy hard up well-off

1. Having a lot of money:
2. Having very little money:
3. Willing to spend money:
4. Unwilling to spend money:

PART 2 Before lesson #12

Put these expressions in order from 1 ('very good value') to 6 ('very bad value'):

a bit pricey
a good deal
a real bargain
a total rip-off
reasonable
value for money
way too expensive

Describe the following deals using the expressions

1. \$100 for a 10-minute taxi ride
2. a meal in your favourite restaurant
3. \$50 for a night in a 5-star hotel
4. a flight ticket with a budget airline
5. train fares in your country
6. beer or coffee in your hometown

TRICKY ENGLISH WORDS



PART 1 Before lesson #2

Let's talk

1. Do you like playing word games, like scrabble?
2. How do you learn new vocabulary? What's the most effective way in your opinion?
3. Are there any English words that you find confusing, you can never remember or are too difficult for you to pronounce?

PART 2 Before lesson #2

Think about difference between these pairs of words and do the exercise

fewer/less

among/between

especially/specially

farther/further

who/whom

1. I really don't know **who / whom** to believe. Both of you can't be telling the truth.
2. He couldn't choose **among / between** France and Spain for his holiday.
3. He **especially / specially** liked his new computer.
4. There was much **fewer / less** rain than the year before, but it still caused problems.
5. He made cheese pie **especially / specially** for her, as he knew it was her favourite.
6. The market was crowded yesterday. I hope there will be **fewer / less** people today.
7. We will find a new manager from **among / between** the current staff.
8. I don't think they'll reduce the price any **farther / further**. It's already very cheap.

PART 3 Before lesson #2

Match the words to the pictures, then put the pairs into the correct categories. In the end, complete the exercise.

Category 1 (pronounced the same but spelt differently)

Category 2 (pronounced and spelt differently)

base



1. _____

bass



2. _____

desert



3. _____

dessert



4. _____

draw



5. _____

drawer



6. _____