

Small Talk Practice Session!



Part 1. How has your week been?

Let's go around the table and talk about what's been happening and what we have been doing in the past week.

Part 2. Word meanings

Are there new words you have come across since our last meeting that you would like to share or discuss the meaning of and how they are used?

Part 3. Let's make some small talk!

- > 1. You meet a neighbour outside their house mowing their nature strip.
What would be a good way to start some small talk?
- > 2. You are at a school event and see a group of parents you have not yet met, but you know their children are in the same class as your child.
What's a good way to start some small talk?
- > 3. You are enjoying a BBQ in a local park and see a person who lives in your street.
What could you say to them to start a conversation?

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- > 4. You are at a children's party and see someone you recently saw at your child's school.
How could you introduce yourself to say hello?
- > 5. You are on the train to Lilydale and see someone who lives near your house.
What could you say to start some small talk?
- > 6. You are on a bus stop standing next to a stranger. How do you ask them when the next bus will be arriving?
What could you say to continue the conversation?
- > 7. You are at a football match and see a Swinburne teacher in the crowd.
What could you say to them?
- > 8. You are at a family gathering and see someone you have not yet met.
Would you compliment them on an item of their clothing to start a conversation?
- > 9. You are at a supermarket checkout and the cashier asks 'How is your day going?'
What would you say in reply?
- > 10. You are in Bunnings looking to buy a shovel, and see a neighbour buying some vegetable seedlings.
What would be a good greeting from you that could start a friendly conversation?
- > 11. **What other situations might there be where you would start, or respond to, some small talk?**

> Addendum - Practice or Practise?

In American English, the correct term is 'practice session'. In British English, it could be either 'practice session' or 'practise session', depending on the context and whether the word is being used as a verb or noun.

In British English, 'practice' is the noun or adjective and 'practise' is the verb.

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