

STARTING THE CONVERSATION

PRACTICE



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Scenario 1

Jack and Marko are friends who know each other quite well.

Jack:	So, how's?
Marko:	Not bad. Yourself?
Jack:	Yeah. Good, thanks. What've you been?
Marko:	Pretty busy. Mainly work stuff.

Scenario 2

Paula and Tom are colleagues who know each other very well.

Paula: the weekend?
Tom:	Yeah, actually. We're thinking of going to see the new James Bond movie.
Paula:	Oh yeah? I've heard it's pretty good.
Tom:	Yeah, me too. (pause) How? What are you?

Scenario 3

Sascha and Peter used to work together. They haven't seen each other for a few years.

Sascha:?
Peter:	Hi Sascha!
Sascha:	Thought it was you. My god! Long!
Peter:	I know! It must be about 5 years.
Sascha:	At least! How've?
Peter:	Good, thanks. Yourself?

Scenario 4

Sandra is at a conference when she sees Mr Carr, an executive at Confex. Their companies do business together, but they have never met. Sandra recognises Mr Carr from the company website.

Sandra:	Excuse me, it's Mr Carr,?
Mr Carr:	Yes, that's right.
Sandra:	Hello, I'm Sandra Conti from Ventava. We've several times.
Mr Carr:	Ah yes, of course! Nice to see you, Ms Conti. How are you?
Sandra:	Good, thanks. How are you?
Mr Carr:	Very well, thanks.
Sandra:	It's nice to finally
Mr Carr:	Yes, you too.

Scenario 5

Mathieu is at a conference when he sees Bianca. Their companies do business together, but they have never met. They sometimes speak on the phone, so he recognises her voice when he hears her talking to another person nearby.

Mathieu:	Hi, you're Bianca,?
Bianca:	Yeah.
Mathieu:	I'm Mathieu from TMG. We've spoken on the phone quite a bit.
Bianca:	Ah yes, Mathieu! I thought I recognised the voice. How's it going?
Mathieu:	Great, thanks. How?
Bianca:	Pretty good, thanks.
Mathieu:	It's nice to finally put a
Bianca:	Yeah, absolutely. (pause) So, are you enjoying the conference so far?

Scenario 6

Hannah and Tobi are at a conference. They have never met before. Hannah wants to make new contacts, so she decides to start a conversation with Tobi.

Hannah:	This coffee isn't great,?
Tobi:	No, it's terrible!
Hannah:	Yeah, I thought the coffee machine in our office was bad, but this is even worse.
Tobi:	Really? Where do you work?
Hannah:	I work for DLX. Hannah.
Tobi:	Hi, I'm Tobi.

Scenario 7

Sara and Esra are at Nina and Ali's party. They haven't met before. Sara is at the buffet and decides to start a conversation with Esra.

Sara:	The food is great,?
Esra:	Yeah. Everything's really tasty!
Sara::	Absolutely. Have you tried the hummus? It's so good.
Esra:	No, I'll have to try a bit later. (pause)
Sara::	I'm Sara,
Esra:	Hi, I'm Esra.
Sara:	Hi. (pause)
Sara:	So, Nina and Ali?
Esra:	I went to college with Nina.