

# Unit 1

## STARTING A CONVERSATION

### A. SKILL

**Task 1:** The people in the photos don't know each other. Making guess about what they are speaking for the first time.



**Task 2:** Watch the 4 conversations. Fill in the blank, then match the sentence used to start the conversation with the right conversation



- Hello, I don't think we've \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm a little \_\_\_\_\_, aren't I?
- You look very \_\_\_\_\_ to me, Marie. Have we met before?
- It's very nice to meet you. What's your \_\_\_\_\_?

 Conversation 1

 Conversation 2

 Conversation 3

 Conversation 4

- **Task 3:** Read and watch the 4 conversations. Write down the relationship between the speakers.

 **Conversation 1**

**Marie:** Hello, Mr. Rashid!  
**Mr. Rashid:** Hi! How are you?  
**Marie:** Fine, thank you. How was your vacation?  
**Mr. Rashid:** It was wonderful!

 **Conversation 2**

**Evans:** Hello Bob. Dining alone?  
**Bob:** Paul and Marie went to get newspapers.  
**Evans:** Do you mind if I join you?  
**Bob:** Oh please, sit down.

 **Conversation 3**

**Chris:** Hey, Mr. Frohm.  
**Mr. Frohm:** Hi. Chris, how are you?  
**Chris:** I'm good. How you doing?  
**Mr. Frohm:** Fine, thank you for asking.

 **Conversation 4**

**Terry:** Hey, Mr. Frohm.  
**Chris:** Hi. Chris, how are you?  
**Terry:** Terry, Fancy meeting you here, long time no see  
**Mr. Frohm:** It has been a long time. Who's your friend?

- **Task 4:** Look back at the conversations above. Find, underline and practice all sentences used for greeting people already known.



**USEFUL TIPS**

4 tips to talk about anything with anyone

**Tip 1:**

Make the first move - approach someone who seems friendly. You can start the conversation by saying "Hi", smiling, and introducing yourself.

**Tip 2:**

Make eye contact, nod your head and present a positive body language - when the other person is talking.

**Tip 3:**

Relax. Enjoy yourself. Be confident, humorous and sound genuine. There is no reason why people will not want to talk to you.



**Task 5:** Imagine you are in these situations. Look at each picture and start a conversation. With each place, greet both new people and your friends. Speak your answers.

**Example: a – At a party**  
You say: Hi. Great music, isn't it?

- What's up?
- How's your day going?
- I don't think we've met – I'm Shayna
- We're sure having a busy day today.
- Hi, John. How are you doing?
- This is a great song – I love Latin music. How about you
- So, how do you know Mary?
- Are you from New York?



at a party



at work



on a bus



at a park



at school

**Task 6:** Which ones are used for the 1st time greeting? Which ones are useful for the people you have already known? Which ones are appropriate for both kinds of people? Do some ticks!

**LANGUAGE FOCUS**

| Sentences  | New people | Already know each other | Both |
|--|------------|-------------------------|------|
| What's up?   |            |                         |      |
| How's it going?  |            |                         |      |
| Hi, John. How are you doing?                               |            |                         |      |
| How's your day going?                                      |            |                         |      |
| I don't think we've met – I'm Shayna                       |            |                         |      |
| This is a great song – I love Latin music. How about you?" |            |                         |      |
| So, how do you know Mary?                                  |            |                         |      |
| Are you from New York?                                     |            |                         |      |
| We're sure having a busy day today.                        |            |                         |      |

## B. R.O.M

### I. Role Play & Obsessive

**Viet:** Hey hey ..... what are you doing?

**Nick:** I have to cross the street

**Viet:** You want to cross the street?

Ok! Let me help you!

**Nick:** ohhh... Great! Thank you so much.



#### After crossing the street

**Nick:** Thank you so much. That was very kind of you!

**Viet:** you're welcome! You know, next time you went to cross the street in Hanoi, just open your eyes, go straight ahead, and don't stop

**Nick:** It's a good advice. I don't know what I was thinking

**Viet:** by the way, my name's Viet.

**Nick:** I'm Nick. Pleased to meet you!

**Viet:** Pleased to meet you, too!

### II. Mini-story

1. What was the foreigner trying to do?

He was trying to cross the street.

2. Was the Vietnamese guy trying to cross the street?

No, the foreign man was trying to cross the street

3. Where was the man trying to cross the street?

Oh, at Hoan Kiem lake area.

4. Did he have to take a taxi?

No, he had to cross the street.

5. How did he feel when he crossed the street?

Oh, he was so scared.

6. Why was he afraid to cross the street?  
Because the street was so crowded.

7. Who helped the foreign man to cross the street?

A Vietnamese guy, he helped the foreign man to cross the street.

8. Did a girl help the foreign man to cross the street?

No, not a girl, a Vietnamese guy helped him.

9. Did the Vietnamese guy help a kid to cross the street?

No, not a kid, he helped a man to cross the street.

REFERENCE - WORD BANK

1. WEATHER



Rainy (n) / 'reɪni/  
I hate rainy Sunday!



Sunny (a) / 'sʌni /  
It's always sunny  
in Philadelphia.



Stormy (a) / 'stɔ:mi/  
It was a dark and  
stormy night.



Foggy (a) / 'fɔ:gi/  
It's a foggy road.

