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# Touchstone Level 2 Contents and learning outcomes

		Language				
	Learning outcomes	Grammar	Vocabulary	Pronunciation		
Unit 1 Making friends pages 1–10	Ask questions to get to know your classmates using the simple present  Ialk about your favorite things  Use responses with too and either to show what you have in common  Start conversations with people you don't know  Use actually to give new or surprising information  Read an article about small talk  Write a How to article using correct punctuation	Review of simple present and present of be in questions and statements     Responses with too and either  Extra practice	Review of types of TV shows, clothes, food, and weekend activities	Speaking naturally  Stress and intonation in questions and answers  Sounds right  Hard and soft consonants		
Unit 2 Interests Dages 11–20	<ul> <li>Talk about your interests with can, like, hate, prefer, be good at, etc.</li> <li>Discuss your taste in music using object pronouns and everyone, nobody, etc.</li> <li>Say no in a friendly way</li> <li>Use really / not really to make statements stronger / softer</li> <li>Read an online forum about hobbies</li> <li>Write online forum posts using linking expressions</li> </ul>	Verb forms after can / can't. love, like, etc., and prepositions Object pronouns Everybody, everyone, nobody, and no one Extra practice	Interests and hobbies     Types of music	Speaking naturally  Saying lists Sounds right  Matching vowel sounds		
Unit 3 Health pages 21–30	Talk about exercise and how to stay healthy using the simple present and present continuous  Discuss common health problems using if and when  Encourage people to say more  Use expressions like Really? and Oh! to show surprise  Read an article about staying healthy  Write questions and answers about health concerns	Simple present and present continuous Joining clauses with if and when Extra practice	Ways to stay healthy     Common health problems     Common remedies	Speaking naturally  Contrasts Sounds right  Matching vowel sounds		
	Checkpoint	Units 1–3 pages 31–	32			
Unit 4 Celebrations pages 33–42	Talk about gift giving and birthdays using be going to and indirect objects  Talk about how you celebrate special days  Talk about plans using the present continuous or be going to  Use "vague" expressions like and everything Give vague responses like It depends if you're not sure  Read an article about traditions around the world  Write an invitation to a special event	Future with be going to     Indirect objects     Indirect object pronouns     Present continuous for the future  Extra practice	Months of the year     Days of the month     Special days, celebrations, and holidays     Things people do to celebrate special days	Speaking naturally  Reduction of going to Sounds right  Which sound in each group is different?		
Unit 5 Growing up pages 43–52	Talk about growing up and your family background using the simple past  Talk about school subjects people studied using most (of), a few (of), etc.  Correct things you say with expressions like Well, Actually, and No, wait  Use I mean to correct a word or name  Read an interview about a man's teenage years  Write answers to interview questions	be born     Review of simple past in questions and statements     General and specific use of determiners     Extra practice	Time expressions for the past Saying years School subjects	Speaking naturally  Reduction of did you  Sounds right  Hard and soft consonant sounds		
Unit 6 Around town pages 53–62	<ul> <li>Ask about places with Is there? and Are there?</li> <li>Say where places are with next to, between, etc.</li> <li>Ask for and give directions</li> <li>Offer and ask for help with Can and Could</li> <li>Check information by repeating words or using expressions like Excuse me?</li> <li>Ask "echo" questions like It's where? to check</li> <li>Read an online guide to Istanbul</li> <li>Write a walking-tour guide</li> </ul>	Is there? and Are there? Pronouns one and ones Offers and requests with Can and Could Extra practice		Speaking naturally  Word stress in compound nouns Sounds right  Matching vowel sounds spelled with a and a		

Interaction		Self study			
Conversation strategies	Listening	Reading	Writing	Free talk	Vocabulary notebook
Start a conversation with someone you don't know Use actually to give or to "correct" information	What's the question?  • Listen to answers and match them with questions  This is a great party!  • Listen to responses and match them to conversation starters; then listen for more information	Improve your skills and "small talk" your way ta success • A magazine article giving advice	How to improve  • Write an article giving advice on how to improve something  • Review of punctuation	Sally's party!  • Group work: Play a game to make small talk at a party	<ul> <li>Webs of words</li> <li>Use word webs to organize new vocabular</li> </ul>
Say no in a friendly way     Use really and not really to make statements stronger or softer	Interesting hobbies  • Match conversations about hobbies with photos; fill in a chart  Favorite websites  • Listen for details as two people talk about a website	Read an online forum	A message board  Write a question to post on a message board  Link ideas with and, also, especially, or, but, and because	Cammon interests  • Group work: Ask and answer questions about your own hobbies	I really like to sing!     Link new words togethe in word "chains"
Encourage people to say more to keep a conversation going     Show surprise	Unhealthy habits  • Predict what people will say about their habits; listen to check Coping with stress  • Match conversations about relaxing with photos; listen for details	Rethink your way to great health  Read an article about improving personal health	That's great advice!  Write a question asking advice about a health problem, and write replies to your classmates' questions  Use commas after if and when clauses	True or false? • Pair work: Ask questions to guess true and untrue information about habits	Write down words you can use with a new word or expression
The state of		Checkpoint Units	1–3 pages 31–32		
Use "vague" expressions like and everything Give "vague" responses like I don't know and Maybe when you're not sure	Celebrations around the world  • Listen to people talk about two festivals, and answer questions  Congratulations!  • Listen for detalls in two conversations about invitations, and fill in the blanks	Let's celebrate! • Read an article about traditions in different countries	Congratulations!  Write an invitation to a special event, and add a personal note  Formal and informal ways to begin and end a note or letter	A new celebration  • Group work: Create a new special day or festival, and talk about it with other groups	Calendars  • Write new vocabulary about special days and celebrations on a calendar
Correct things you say with expressions like Well, Actually, and No, wait Use I mean to correct yourself when you say the wrong word or name	I don't remember exactly  Listen for corrections as people talk about childhood memories  A lang time ago  Listen for details as a man talks about his teenage years	Teenage years  • Read an interview with a man who talks about his teenage years	Write interview     questions to ask a     classmate about when     he or she was younger,     and reply to a     classmate's questions     Link ideas with except     (for) and apart from	In the past  • Class activity: Ask your classmates questions about their childhood, and take notes	I hated moth!  • Group new vocabulary îr different ways
Repeat key words to check information     Use "checking" expressions to check information     Use "echo" questions to check information	Finding your way around  Match four sets of directions with the destinations by following the map  Tourist information  Listen to conversations at a visitor center, and predict what each person says next to	3 days in Istanbul.,.  • Read a travel website about Istanbul	A walking-tour guide     Write a guide for a walking tour of your city or town     Expressions for giving directions	Apartment hunting     Pair work: Ask and answer questions about two apartments, and choose one to live in	<ul> <li>Which way?</li> <li>Draw and label a map to remember directions</li> </ul>

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Unit 7 Going away pages 65–74	<ul> <li>Talk about getting ready for a trip using infinitives to give reasons</li> <li>Give opinions using It's + adjective + to</li> <li>Talk about things to take on a trip</li> <li>Give advice and suggestions with should, could, etc.</li> <li>Respond to suggestions</li> <li>Use I guess when you're not sure</li> <li>Read an article about unique hotels</li> <li>Write an email about a trip</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Infinitives for reasons</li> <li>It's + adjective + to</li> <li>Ways to give advice and make suggestions</li> <li>Extra practice</li> </ul>	Things to do before a trip Things to take on different kinds of trips  Things to take on different kinds of trips  Things to do before a trip   Speaking naturally  • Reduction of to Sounds right  • Words with and without a silent I			
Unit 8 At home pages 75–84	<ul> <li>Talk about where you keep things at home</li> <li>Say who owns things with mine, yours, etc. and whose</li> <li>Talk about items in the home</li> <li>Identify things using adjectives and one / ones</li> <li>Use Do you mind? and Would you mind? to make polite requests</li> <li>Agree to requests with expressions like Go right ahead</li> <li>Read comments on a website about unusual habits</li> <li>Write about your evening routine with expressions like first and as soon as</li> </ul>	Whose? and possessive pronouns Order of adjectives Pronouns one and ones Location expressions after pronouns and nouns Extra practice	Places where you keep things in your home Home furnishings for different rooms Things you keep in your room	Speaking naturally  Reduction of grammatical words  Sounds right  Matching vowel sounds		
Unit 9 Things happen pages 85–94	<ul> <li>Tell anecdotes about things that went wrong using the past continuous and simple past</li> <li>Talk about accidents (e.g., I broke my arm.) using the past continuous and myself, yourself, etc.</li> <li>React to show interest with expressions like Oh, no!</li> <li>Use I bet to show you're sure or that you understand</li> <li>Read anecdotes in an article</li> <li>Write an anecdote using when and while</li> </ul>	Past continuous statements Past continuous questions Reflexive pronouns Extra practice	Parts of the body     Injuries	Speaking naturally Fall-rise Intonation Sounds right Simple past verbs with -ed endings		
	Checkpoint l	Jnits 7–9 pages 95–	96			
Unit 10 Communication pages 97–106	Compare ways of communicating using comparative adjectives and more, less, and fewer Manage phone conversations Interrupt and restart a phone conversation Use just to soften what you say Read an article about texting Write an article giving pros and cons	Comparative adjectives     More, less, fewer Extra practice	Ways of communicating     Adjectives     Phone expressions	Speaking naturally Linking Sounds right The sounds /s/ or /7/		
Jnit 11 Appearances Dages 07–116	<ul> <li>Describe people's appearance using adjectives and have and have got</li> <li>Identify people using verb + ·ing and prepositions</li> <li>Use expressions like What do you call ? if you can't remember a word</li> <li>Use expressions like You mean ? to check or suggest words and names</li> <li>Read an article about fashion</li> <li>Write an article about fashion trends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describing people; have got</li> <li>Phrases with verb + ·ing and prepositions</li> <li>Extra practice</li> </ul>	Adjectives and expressions to describe people's appearances	Speaking naturally  • Checking information Sounds right  • Matching vowel sounds		
Jnit 12 ooking head ages 17-126	<ul> <li>Make predictions and discuss future plans with will, may, and might</li> <li>Talk about jobs</li> <li>Discuss future plans using the simple present in if and time clauses</li> <li>Make offers and promises with will</li> <li>Agree to something using All right and OK</li> <li>Read an article about the future</li> <li>Write about an invention using First, Second, etc.</li> </ul>	Future with will, may, and might     Present tense verbs with future meaning     Extra practice	Work, study, and life plans     Occupations	Speaking naturally  • Reduction of will  Sounds right  • Stressed and unstressed syllables		

	Interaction	T	Sk	ills		Self study
	Conversation strategies	Listening	Reading	Writing	Free talk	Vocabulary notebook
	Respond to suggestions     Use I guess when you're not sure	It's good to travel.  Predict what people are going to say about traveling, then listen for the exact words  Recommendations  Match advice about staying at hotels with pictures, then listen to a radio show to check your answers	Unique hotel experiences  Read an article about three unusual hotels	Recommendations Write an email about staying at one of the hotels in the lesson Format and expressions for writing an email	Travel smart!  Role play: Choose a role and give your partner travel advice according to the pictures	Trovel items  When you write down a new noun, write notes about it
	Ask politely for permission to do things with Do you mind?      Ask someone politely to do something with Would you mind?      Agree to requests	Could you do me a favor?  Listen to conversations between roommates, complete their requests, and then check if each person agrees  Evening routines  Listen to someone describe his evening routine, and number pictures in order	Do you hove an unusual home habit?  Read online comments about people's unusual home habits	Write a short article about the evening routines of your partner     Order events using sequence words	All about home Pair work: Discuss questions about your homes, and find out ways you are alike and different	The ABCs of home  • Write down a word for something in your home for each letter of the alphabet
	React to and comment on a story     Respond with I bet	A funny story     Listen to an anecdote, and choose the best response     Happy endings?     Listen to two anecdotes, and answer questions about the details	Every cloud has a silver lining • Read a magazine article featuring anecdotes from readers	Anecdotes  Write an anecdote telling about a time something went wrong  Link ideas with when and while	What was happening? Pair work: Look at a picture, and see how much detail you can remember about what was happening	Prom head to toe     Draw and label pictures to remember new vocabulary
			Checkpoint Units	7–9 pages 95–96		7776
	Interrupt and restart phone conversations     Use just to soften things you say	Sorry about that!  Listen to three phone conversations to infer the reason for each call and for each interruption It can be annoying  Listen to a teenager talk about texting; check the opinions she agrees with	Why all the interest in texting? • Read an online article about texting	The pros and cons  Write a short article about the advantages and disadvantages of a means of communication  Structure of an article comparing pros and cons	<ul> <li>Which is better?</li> <li>Pair work: Compare pairs of actions, and discuss which is better and why</li> </ul>	Phone talk  • Learn new expressions by making note of the situations when you can use them
A	Show you're trying to remember a word or name  Use You mean or Do you mean ? to help someone remember something	Celebrities Listen to descriptions of celebrities, and match them with their photos What's in style? Listen to four people answer questions about current styles, and fill in a chart	Fashion statements  Read a blog article about fashion trends	Fashion trends Write a fashion article describing the current "look" Expressions to describe new and old trends	What's different?  Pair work: Ask and answer questions to determine what's different about people in two pictures, and guess where they went	What do they look like?  Use new vocabulary in true sentences about yourself or people you know
	Make offers and promises with I'll and I won't     Agree to something with All right and OK	I'll da it!  Listen to two people planning a party, and identify what each of them says they'll do A good idea?  Listen to two people discussing predictions; identify who says each is a good idea and why	What will life be like in the future? • Read an online article with predictions about the future	Write a short article about how a future invention will make our lives better or worse     List ideas with First, Second, Next, and Finally	I might do that. Pair work: Interview a classmate to find out his or her future plans  I might do that.	Writers, actors, and ortists  Write new vocabulary in groups by endings or topics

# Useful language for . . .

# **Getting help**

How do you say "\_\_\_\_\_\_" in English?

I'm sorry. What did you say?

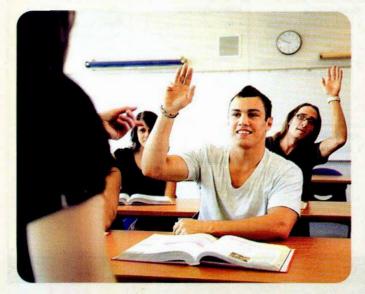
How do you say this word?

What do we have to do?

I don't understand. What do you mean?

Do you mean \_\_\_\_\_

Can you spell "\_\_\_\_\_\_" for me, please?



## Working with a partner

Whose turn is it now?

It's my / your turn.

Do you want to go first?

OK. I'll go first. / No, you go first.

This time we change roles.

OK. I'll start.

Are we done?

Yes, I think so. Let's try it again.

Let's compare answers.

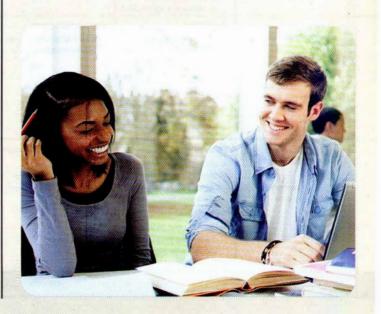
OK. What do you have for number 1?

Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ for number 3?

No, I have \_\_\_\_\_\_. Let's check again.

Do you understand this sentence?

Yeah. It means "



#### UNIT

# Making friends

# ිස්! In this unit, you learn how to . . .

#### Lesson A

· Ask questions to get to know your classmates using the simple present

#### Lesson B

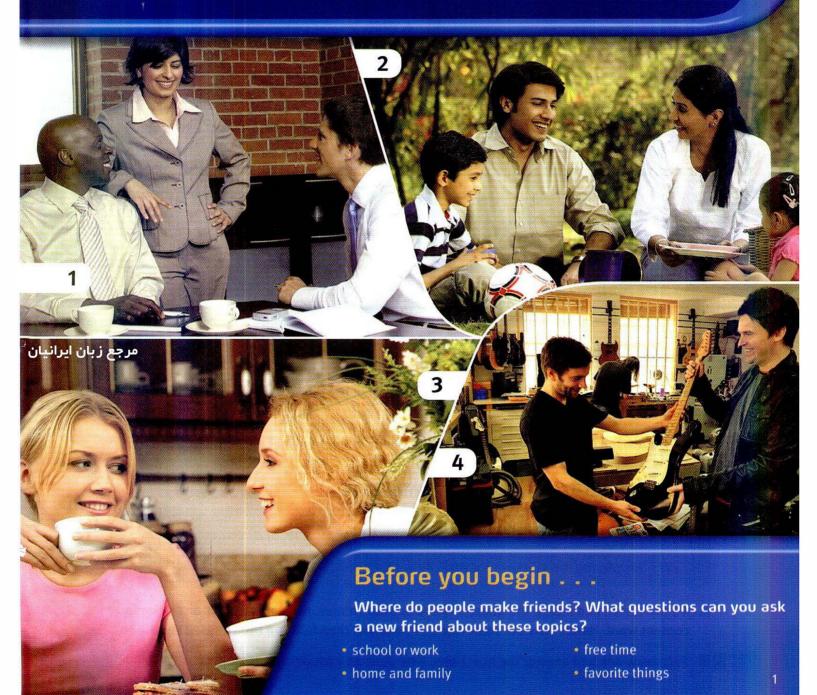
- Talk about your favorite things
- · Use responses with too and either to show what you have in common

#### Lesson C

- Start conversations with people you don't know
- Use actually to give new or surprising information

#### Lesson D

- · Read an article about small talk
- · Write a How-to article using correct punctuation



# Getting to know you

# How well do you know your

# new CLASSMATES?

- 1. What's your name? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What does your name mean? \_\_\_
- 3. Are you named after someone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you like your name? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Do you have a middle name?

- 1. Are you a full-time student? \_\_\_
  - a. If yes: What's your major?
  - **b.** If no: What do you do for a living?
- 2. How do you get to work (or class)?
- 3. How long does it take? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **HOME AND FAMILY**

- 1. Where do you live? \_\_
- 2. Do you like your neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Do you live alone or with your family?
- 4. Where are your parents from? \_\_\_\_\_

#### FRIENDS

- 1. Do you often make friends online?
- 2. What's your best friend like?
- 3. What does your best friend do?
- 4. What do you and your friends do when you get

# **Getting started**

- About A Pair work Write one more question in each section of the questionnaire. Then interview a partner and take notes.
  - **B** Pair work Tell a new partner five interesting things about your first partner.
- Speaking naturally Stress and intonation

Do you have a nickname? Are you from a big family? What do you do for fun?

Yes. People call me Jimmy. Yes. I have four sisters.

I go to the movies.

- A 🜒 1.02 Listen and repeat the questions and answers above. Notice the stress on the important content word. Notice how the voice rises, or rises and then falls, on the stressed word.
- **B** Pair work Ask and answer the questions. Give your own answers.

# Grammar Present of be and simple present (review) ◀)) 1.03

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#### Present of be

Are you from a big family?
Yes, I am. I'm one of six children.
No, I'm not. There are only two of us.

Are you and your friends full-time students? Yes, we are. We're English majors.

No, we're not. We're part-time students.

What's your name? Is it Leo?
Yes, it is. My name's Leo Green.
No, it's not. My name isn't Leo. It's Joe.

Where **are** your parents from? **Are** they from Peru? Yes, they **are**. They're from Lima. No, they're not. My parents **aren't** from Peru.

#### Simple present

**Do** you **have** any brothers and sisters? Yes, I **do**. I **have** a brother. No, I **don't**. I'm an only child.

**Do** you and your friends **get together** a lot? Yes, we **do**. We **go out** all the time. No, we **don't**. We **don't have** time.

What does your brother do? Does he go to college? Yes, he does. He goes to the same college as me. No, he doesn't. He works at a bank.

Where **do** your parents **live**? **Do** they **live** nearby? Yes, they **do**. They **live** near here. No, they **don't**. They **don't live** around here.

A	Think of a	possible o	uestion for o	each answer.	Compare w	vith a partner.
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1.	Α	?	5.	Α	?
	В	No, I'm not. I have a brother and a sister.		В	Yeah, they are. My grandparents are from here, too.
2.	Α	?	6.	Α	?
	В	She works at a software company.		В	We usually go shopping or have lunch.
3.	Α	?	7.	Α	?
	В	No, I don't. I usually use my dad's car.		В	No, she doesn't. She lives an hour away.
4.	Α	?	8.	Α	?
	В	Turquoise. And I like blue, too.		В	My classmates? They're all smart.

About B Pair work Ask your questions. Give your own answers.

# 4

# Listening and speaking What's the question?

A	(1) 1.04 Listen to Miranda's and Number the questions 1 to 6.	swers to these questions.
	Do you have any pets? Do you ever go out on weeknights? What's your favorite band?	<ul><li> What's your favorite season?</li><li> How much time do you spend with your family?</li><li> What do you usually do on the weekends?</li></ul>

**B** ■ 1.04 Listen again. What do you learn about Miranda? Take notes for each question.

About C Pair work Ask and answer the questions above. Ask your partner follow-up questions to keep the conversations going.

#### 🗶 Common errors

Use do or does in simple present questions.

What do you study?

Where does your family live?

Where does your family live (NOT <del>What you study?</del> <del>Where your family live?</del>)



## **Building language**

▲ •) 1.05 Listen. What do these friends have in common? Practice the conversations.



- A Dogs are so noisy, and they always wreck things. I'm just not an animal lover, I guess.
- B Well, I'm not either. I'm allergic to dogs and cats.



- A I don't watch much television.
- B No, I don't either.
- A I mean, I watch pro football.
- B Yeah, I do too. But that's about it.



- A I love shopping. I can shop for hours! Too bad I can't afford anything new.
- B I know. I can't either. I'm broke.
- A Yeah, I am too.

Figure B	Complete the responses so the speakers agree. Use the conversations above to help yo	u.
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- 1. A I'm a football fan.
  - B Yes, I am \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. A Hove shopping.
  - B Oh, I do \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- 3. A I don't like animals.
  - B No, I don't \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. A I can't have a pet.
  - B I can't

# Grammar Responses with too and either ■ 1.06

Present of be

I'm allergic to cats.

am too.

I'm not an animal lover.

I'm not either.

Simple present

I watch pro football.

I do too.

I don't watch much television.

I don't either.

I can shop for hours!

can too.

I can't afford anything new.

I can't either.

People also respond with Me too and Me neither (or Me either).

A Respond to these statements using too or either. Then practice with a partner.

- 1. I watch a lot of sports on TV. I do too. 4. I'm not a morning person.
- 2. I'm allergic to nuts.
- 3. I can't afford a new laptop.
- 5. I don't have a pet.
- 6. I can eat chocolate all day.

### In conversation People actually say Me either more often than Me neither. Me either. Me neither.

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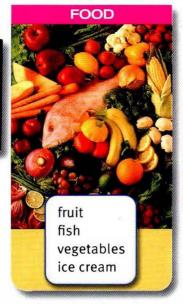
- **B** Pair work Student A: Make the statements above true for you. Student B: Give your own responses.
  - A I don't watch a lot of sports on TV.
  - B I don't either. OR Really? I watch all the basketball games.

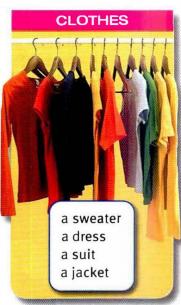
# **3** Building vocabulary

A Brainstorm! How many other words can you think of for each topic? Make a class list.









B Pair work Complete the chart with your favorite things. Compare with a partner. Then tell the class what you and your partner have in common.



weekend activities	TV shows	food	clothes
eat out			

A I eat out on the weekends.

B I do too.

"We both eat out on the weekends."

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About C Class activity Complete the sentences with your likes and dislikes. Then tell your classmates your sentences. Find someone with the same tastes.

My tastes		Classmate with same taste
1. I love	(type of food)	
2. Idon't	very often. (weekend activity)	
3. I like to wear	(item of clothing)	
1. I'm not a big	fan. (sport)	
5. I like	(color)	
6. I can't stand	(type or name of TV show)	
7. I hate	(type of food)	

- A I love pineapple.
- B I do too. OR Oh really? I don't like it so much.

## Lesson C

Conversation

# It's cold tonight.

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Check (✓) the boxes.

Starting a conversation A What are good topics to talk about when you meet someone for the first time?

your salary

your family

the weather

someone's appearance

your health

where you live

your problems

things you see around you

**B** ■ 1.07 Listen. What topics do Eve and Chris talk about?



Eve Ooh, it's cold tonight.

Chris Yeah, it is. But actually, I kind of

like cold weather.

Eve You do? Really? . . . Boy, there are a lot of people out here tonight.

Chris Yeah, it gets pretty crowded on

weekends.

Eve Do you come here a lot?

Chris Yeah, I do, actually.

Eve So are you a big hip-hop fan?

Chris Yeah, I am. Are you?

Eve Actually, no, but my brother's in the band tonight.

Chris Oh, really? Cool. . . . By the way,

my name's Chris.

Eve Nice to meet you. I'm Eve.

She talks about the things around them, like the weather and the club, and asks general questions. Find examples in the conversation.

Ooh, it's cold tonight. Do you come here a lot?

Pair work Think of a situation where you could use each conversation starter below. Compare with a partner. Then role-play the conversations.

1. "The flowers are beautiful, huh? I love spring."

on a bench in a park

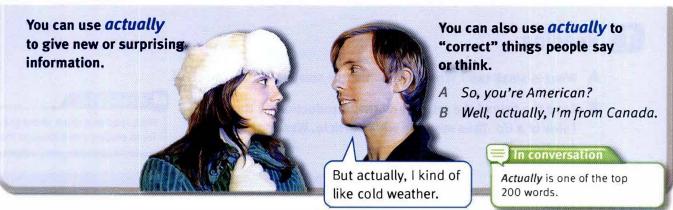
2. "Gosh, it's so crowded here. And it's hot!" 3. "Wow. The elevator is really slow today."

4. "Hi there. It's windy, huh?"

5. "Hmm. This food doesn't look too good."

6. "I'm a bit nervous. Is it your first class, too?"

# **2** Strategy plus Actually



A	Match each	conversation	starter with	a response.	Then	practice	with a	partner.
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1.	It's really chilly in here. <u>b</u>	a.	Actually, I take the subway. It takes an hour
2.	Is this your first class here?	b.	It's the air conditioning. Actually, I feel OK.
3.	So, you're a full-time student?	c.	Yes, it is, actually. I'm a little nervous.
4.	Do you like this neighborhood?	d.	Thanks. It's actually from a vintage store.
5.	Do you drive to class?	e.	No, actually I'm from a small town about
6.	l like your sweater		three hours away.
7.	Do you play guitar or anything?	f.	Yeah, I do, actually. It has some great store
8.	So, you're from around here?	g.	Um, part-time, actually. I work in a hotel.
		h.	Actually, I do. And piano.

Pair work Start conversations using the ideas above. Use actually in your responses if you need to.

"It's pretty warm in here."

"Yeah it is, but I kind of like it, actually."

3 Listening and strategies This is a great p	party!
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1	Listening and strategies This is a great party!
	A ■) 1.08 Listen to six people talk at Tom's party. Which conversation starters are the people responding to? Number the sentences 1 to 6.
	☐ Great music, huh? ☐ The desserts look good. ☐ Are you a friend of Tom's? ☐ Is it me, or is it really hot in here? ☐ This is a great party. ☐ I don't really know anyone here. Do you?
	B ■)) 1.09 Now listen to the complete conversations. Check your answers. What six things do you find out about Tom?

About C Class activity Imagine you are at a class party. Start conversations with your classmates. Find out something new about six classmates.

A I like your jacket.

B Thanks. Actually, it's from a vintage store.

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# Making small talk



- A What is small talk? When do people use small talk? Tell the class.
- B Read the title of the article and the introduction on the left. Think of a tip. Then read the whole article. Was your tip mentioned?

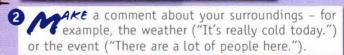
#### Reading tip

First, read and think about the title. Try to predict three ideas in the article.

# Improve your skills and "SMALL TALK" your way to success

According to some surveys, the ability to make small talk is important for social and professional success. Chatting about topics like the weather or weekends helps you connect with people, and that can be the key to making friends or business contacts. You don't have to be outgoing to make small talk. Just follow these easy tips.

1 Smile and say "Hello" when you meet someone new. Say your name and shake hands. Try to repeat the person's name: "Nice to meet you, Mariana."



3 ASK questions. Try to find something you have in common: "Are you new to the company, too?" However, don't ask very personal questions, for example about someone's salary or age.

4 LISTEN actively. Show interest with comments like "Oh, really?" or "That's interesting." Keep eye contact, and don't look around the room during your conversation.

**5 EARN** about what's going on in the world, so you can add to any discussion.

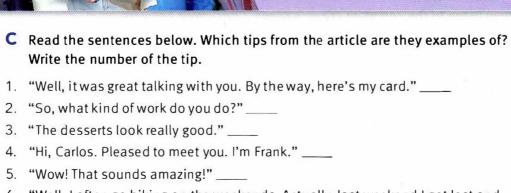
6 \*\*AKE\* your time. Don't rush the conversation, and don't look at your watch. It can seem rude.

**7** ANSWER people's questions with interesting or funny stories. People love stories and will remember you.

**3 EAVE** politely. To end a conversation, say something like, "Well, it was nice talking to you." or "Great meeting you. Good luck with your job search!"

**9 \*\*EF** in touch. Send a quick email or text message. Say, "It was good to meet you."

6. "Well, I often go biking on the weekends. Actually, last weekend I got lost and . . ." \_\_\_\_\_

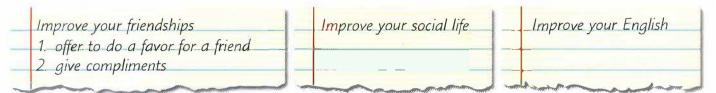


#### D Pair work Discuss the questions below.

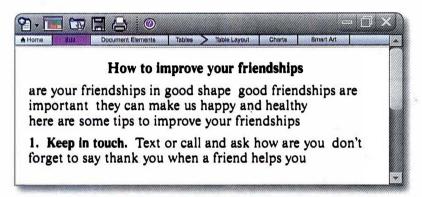
- 1. Read tip 2 again. Can you think of another example comment?
- 2. Read tip 3 again. What other good questions can you think of?
- 3. Read tip 5 again. What is going on in the world at the moment? Choose two topics that you can use in a conversation.
- 4. Read tip 7 again. Do you have a funny story you can tell? What is it?
- 5. Can you think of one more tip on how to improve your "small talk" skills?

# **2** Writing How to improve . . .

A Brainstorm ideas for each topic and write notes.



B Read the Help note and the extract from an article below. Correct the punctuation.





#### **Punctuation**

- Use a CAPITAL letter to start a sentence.
- Use a comma (,) before quotation marks (" ") and in lists.
- Use a period (.) at the end of a statement and a question mark
   (?) at the end of a question.
- C Write an article on one of the topics you brainstormed above. Give three tips.

  Then read a partner's article and check the punctuation. Can you think of another tip?

# Talk about it Friendly conversations

**Group work** Discuss the questions. Find out about your classmates' conversation styles.

- When do you make small talk? What do you talk about?
- Do you think it's odd when a stranger talks to you?
- Are you a talkative person?
- Do you think you talk too much?
- Are you a good listener?
- Are you usually the "talker" or the "listener" in a conversation?
- What topics do you like to talk about?
- What topics do you try to avoid?



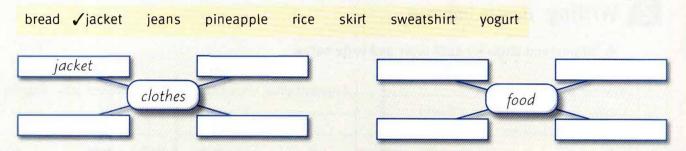
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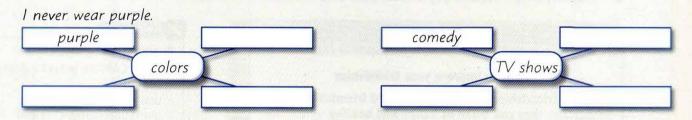
# Learning tip Word webs

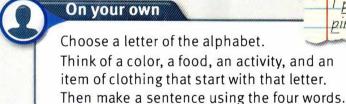
You can use word webs to organize your new vocabulary.

1 Complete the word webs for clothes and food using words from the box.



2 Now make word webs about colors and TV shows. Write a sentence about each word.





I play tennis and eat pineapple in pink pants





- ✓ I can . . . ? I need to review how to . . .
- ask questions to get to know people.
- talk about my friends, family, and lifestyle.
- talk about myself and my favorite things.
- show I have things in common with people.
- start conversations with people I don't know.
- use actually to give new or surprising information.
- understand conversations about people's lifestyle.
- understand small talk.
- read an article about small talk.
- write a *How-to* article.

# Interests

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Can! In this unit, you learn how to . . .

Lesson A

Talk about your interests with can, like, hate, prefer, be good at, etc.

#### Lesson B

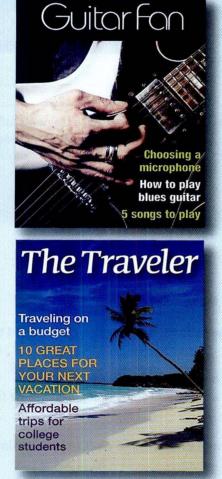
 Discuss your taste in music, using object pronouns and everyone, nobody, etc.

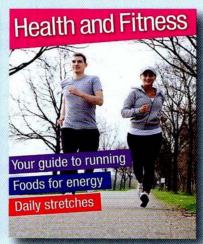
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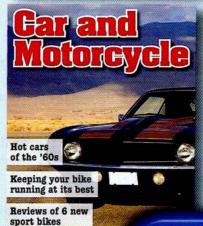
- Say no in a friendly way
- Use really and not really to make statements stronger or softer

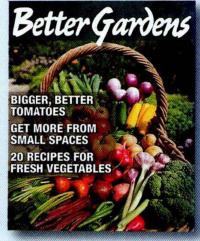
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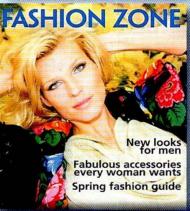
- Read an online forum about hobbies
- Write posts for an online forum using linking expressions











# Before you begin . . .

Look at the magazine covers. Which magazines would you like to read? Why?

# Leisure time



#### Meet our new reporter for the College News...

The College News interviewed Brad Hayes, our new reporter. Brad is a full-time student majoring in journalism. We asked him about his hobbies.

Ocollege News: What are your hobbies?

Brad Hayes: Well, I enjoy writing. I like to do a bit of creative writing every day – in the evenings mostly. Someday I want to write a novel, but for now it's just a hobby.

2 CN:\_\_\_\_\_

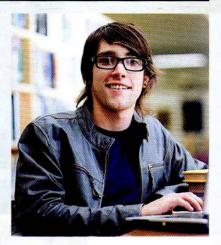
Brad: Let's see, what else? Well, I design cards. I'm good at drawing, and I'm really into computer graphics, so I sit and learn new programs, and I play around with them.

OCN:

**Brad:** Yeah, I play the saxophone, and I can play the piano a little, but not very well. I'd like to play in a jazz band or something. And I like to sing, but I really can't sing at all.

**1** CN: \_\_\_\_\_

Brad: Not really. I prefer to watch sports on TV. I like to play pool. Is that a sport? I guess I jog occasionally. But I hate going to the gym and working out.



**6** CN:

**Brad:** Yeah. I love to do new stuff all the time – learn new skills, you know. I'm really excited about writing for the *College News*.

# Getting started

- A What kinds of things do students do in their leisure time? Make a list.
- **B** 1.10 Listen to student reporter Brad answer these five questions. Number the questions 1 to 5. Then write them in the interview.
- Are you good at sports?

  Can you play a musical instrument?

Are you interested in learning new things?

What are your hobbies?

What else do you enjoy doing in your free time?

- C ■) 1.11 Listen to the complete interview. Underline the things Brad likes to do. Circle the things he hates doing.
- Figure D Circle the correct forms of the verbs to complete the sentences. Which sentences are true for you? Tell a partner.
  - 1. I can play / to play the piano.
  - 2. I like to watch / watch sports on TV.
- 3. I enjoy listening / to listen to music.
- 4. I'm good at learn / learning new skills.