

## Socializing 03: Starting a Conversation

### Practice 1 | Useful Expressions

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**Directions:** Listen and repeat.

- May I introduce myself?
- Do you mind if I sit here?
- Do you have a minute?
- Mind if I ask you...?
- It's nice to meet you.
- I really must be going.
- It was great talking to you.
- Enjoy the rest of the day.

## Practice 2 | Dialogue 1

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**Directions:** Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

*Gary Brown and Samantha Gail met each other after the speech.*

**Gary** : Excuse me. You must be Miss Samantha Gail.

**Samantha** : Yes, that's right.

**Gary** : **May I introduce myself?** I'm Gary Brown. **It's nice to meet you.**

**Samantha** : Nice to meet you, too, Mr. Brown.

**Gary** : How did you find the lecture this morning?

**Samantha** : It was quite interesting but I think it was a bit long.

**Gary** : I agree. The speaker must be really knowledgeable about the topic, but he talked too much.

**Samantha** : Absolutely. Oh, **I really must be going.** I have a lot to do this afternoon.

**Gary** : Me too. I have to meet someone at 2:00 P.M. Anyway, **it was great talking to you.**

**Samantha** : Thanks. **Enjoy the rest of the day!**

**Gary** : You, too!

**Check your understanding:** Answer the following questions.

1. How did Samantha find the lecture?
2. Does Gary have a good opinion about the speaker?
3. Why did Samantha have to leave soon?
4. What will Gary do at 2:00 PM?

### Practice 3 | Role-Play

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**Directions:** You are at a presentation about a company's latest product. You want to take a seat next to a stranger so you ask for permission. You start introducing each other and exchanging thoughts. Your teacher will act as the stranger.

## Practice 4 | Discussion

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**Directions:** Discuss these topics and exchange thoughts with your teacher.

1. Do you find it easy to start a conversation?
2. Can you start talking to anybody in public?
3. Is it easy for you to approach strangers to ask questions?
4. Is it hard for you to compliment people?
5. How do you end a conversation politely?
6. Do you show your disagreement with the other person's opinion politely?