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## Nice weather, isn't it?

• Making small talk

## 1 | Vocabulary

**A** Look at these conversation topics. Check (✓) the ones you talk about with your friends.

\_\_\_ school

\_\_\_ movies

\_\_\_ family

\_\_\_ hobbies

\_\_\_ music

\_\_\_ money

\_\_\_ sports

\_\_\_ TV shows

**B PAIR WORK** Tell your partner what you and your friends talk about.

*Examples:*

A: We talk about movies and music.

B: My friends and I don't talk about money.

B: My friends and I talk about hobbies.

A: We don't talk about sports.

## 2 | Conversation

CD1 09 **A** Listen. What do Chris and Maria talk about? Does Maria like the song?

Chris: Hi, Maria.

Maria: Hey, Chris.

Chris: **It's really nice today**, isn't it?

Maria: Yeah, it's beautiful.

Chris: **So, how are things at school?**

Maria: **They're OK.** It's a busy semester, isn't it?

Chris: I know. It is. I don't have much free time.

Maria: Me neither. What are you listening to?

Chris: Oh, it's my favorite song. Here, listen.

Maria: It's...um...interesting.



**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversation.

CD1 10 **C** Listen. Write the changes you hear above the bold words. Practice the new conversation.

### 3 | Language Booster

**A** Notice the different ways we make small talk.

Making small talk	Responding
It's really nice today, isn't it?	Yeah, it's beautiful.
It's a busy semester, isn't it?	I know. It is.
The weather isn't so great, is it?	No, it's not.
Pretty nice place, huh?	It sure is.
What are you up to these days?	I am really busy these days.
How's your family?	They're OK.

**B PAIR WORK** Practice making small talk and responding. Use the pairs of words below.

sunny/cloudy      beautiful/terrible      school/work      hot/cold

*Examples:*

A: Beautiful day, isn't it?

B: Terrible weather, huh?

B: Yeah, it's really great.

A: I know. It is.

### 4 | Pronunciation Intonation in tag questions

CD1 **11 A** Listen. Notice how the intonation falls in tag questions when you expect the listener to agree.

- This pizza isn't very good, is it?
- Beautiful day, isn't it?
- This is a really fun party, isn't it?
- This movie isn't interesting, is it?

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns practicing the sentences in part A. Pay attention to falling intonation.

ONLINE PRACTICE

## SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

**CLASS ACTIVITY** You are at a class party. Walk around and greet six different people. Use the small talk expressions or think of your own.

This is a great birthday party.

It sure is! The music's really great!

Excellent food, isn't it?

I know. It's delicious.