

LESSON 4: AT A PARTY - *starting and ending conversations*

Objectives

1. Students learn how to start a conversation
2. Students learn how to end a conversation

PRESENTATION:

- Introduce the students to the topic and the language functions it covers:
- Project the Video for the students:
- Give them the meaning and help them learn the useful expressions

Starting conversations:

<p>People you know now where people are from or live Do you know (David)? How do you know (Matt and Carol)? Are you a friend of (Matt's)? How do you two know each other?</p>	<p>Where people are from or live Where are you from?> Whereabouts (in Spain)? Do you live near here?</p>	<p>Meeting people in the past people's jobs Didn't we meet at (Carol and Matt's wedding)? What do you do? You're (a lawyer), aren't you?</p>
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Tip: When we think the answer to a question will be yes, we often use negative questions: *Didn't* we meet at Matt and Carol's wedding? (I think we did). We also use question tags: You're a lawyer, *aren't* you? (I think you are).

Live or where they are from, we ask Whereabouts?

A Where are you from, Natalia? B I'm from Spain.

A Oh, right. Whereabouts (in Spain)? B Valencia.

Ending conversations

- A It was very nice to meet you. B You too.
 A We should get together sometime B Yes, that's a good idea.
 A Nice meeting you. B You too.
 A See you later, maybe. B Yes, see you.
 A It's great to see you again. B And you.

PRACTICE:

A. Listen/Watch to the video and choose the right term.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matt is Carol's brother/(husband) 2. Natalia is from Spain/Brazil. 3. Ben works with Matt/Carol. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Jackie is Matt and Carol's neighbor/boss 5. Liam is a lawyer/an accountant. 6. Amy is Carol's sister/cousin.
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B. Watch or listen again and say whether these sentences are True (T) or False (F)

1. Natalia started her new job three weeks ago.
2. She goes back to Spain about four times a year.
3. Ben lives near a park.
4. Jackie is a manager of a French restaurant.
5. Liam and Amy met at Carol and Matt's wedding.
6. Carol and Amy work for the same company.

PRODUCTION

Students meet an old friends and discuss with him/her using the expression in the video.

LESSON 5: A TABLE FOR TEN- *apologizing, giving reasons, making promises*

Objectives:

1. Students learn how to apologize
2. Students learn how to give reasons
3. Students learn how to make promises

PRESENTATION:

Introduce the students to the topic and the language functions it covers:

Project the Video for the students:

Give them the meaning and help them to learn the useful expressions

Essential Vocabulary: Apologies, reasons and promises

<p>•For apologies we often use: I'm (really) sorry, (but) I can't/ couldn't + infinitive. I'm really sorry, but I can't say no to my mum. I'm sorry, I couldn't finish it this morning.</p>	<p>• For reasons we often use: I have to/had to + infinitive. I have to take some clients out to dinner. I had to help Henry.</p>	<p>• For promises we often use: I'll + infinitive. I'll finish it now and email it to you. I'll be back before eight thirty, I promise.</p>
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• To respond to an apology we often use these phrases:

Oh, don't worry. Another time, maybe. Oh, dear. What happened? Oh, right. Why's that?

We can also use No problem, to respond to an apology.

A I'm sorry, I can't come this evening. B No problem.

• There is often a pattern in this type of conversation:

we apologize -* we give a reason -> we make a promise.

PRACTICE

A. Listen/watch to three conversations. Fill in the gaps with the correct name.

1.has a meeting the next morning,
2.has to go out with some clients,
3.has got the concert tickets,
4.has to phone the restaurant,
5.has to look after her brother,
6.has to prepare a table for ten.

B. Work in pairs. Who said these sentences, Carol or Amy?

1. I'm sorry, I couldn't finish it this morning.
2. I'm really sorry, but I can't say no to my mum.
3. have to take some clients out for dinner.
4. I have to go home and look after my little brother.
5. I had to help Henry.
6. I'll finish it now and email it to you.
7. I'll be back before eight thirty, I promise.

PRODUCTION

Engage students in a conversation with their peers where they are invited. As they can't accept the invitation, they apologize, give reasons and promise.

APENDIX: Video scripts of the AUDIO-VISUALS AND ANSWER KEYS

Video script of lesson 4: 'AT A PARTY - starting and ending conversations

<p>I MATT: Hello. Welcome to the party. NATALIA: Hi, I 'm Natalia. M Hi, I 'm Matt, Carol's husband. N Nice to meet you. M You work with Carol, don't you? N Yes, that's right. I'm the new receptionist there. M Do you know David? He's Carol's boss. N Yes, he's my boss too. Is he here, do you know? M No, he couldn't come, unfortunately. He's away playing golf somewhere. N Oh, that's a shame. M Where are you from, Natalia? N I 'm from Spain. M Oh, right. Whereabouts in Spain? N Valencia, but I came over to England about eight years ago. M Do you go back there very often? N Um, about three times a year. M Carol and I often talk about going to Valencia sometime. N Well, if you do, let me know, <i>[start of conv]</i> 11] My brother can show you around. _____ M Great , thanks a lot . <i>[en d o f conver]</i> Oh, I 'm sorry, someone's calling me. It was very nice to meet you, Natalia. N You too. M We should get together sometime, you know, with Carol and David. N Yes, that's a good idea. M Enjoy the party. N Thank you. 2 BEN Hello, I 'm Ben. JACKIE Hi, I 'm Jackie. Nice to meet you. B You too. Are you enjoying the party? J Yes, it's great. B How do you know Matt and Carol? J I live next door. B Oh, right. So, not far to come, then. J No, and if the party gets boring I can just go home! B Yeah, that's true. J And what about you? Do you live near here? B Yeah, I do. I live about a mile away.</p>	<p>J Whereabouts? B In Richmond, near the park. J Oh, nice. Are you a friend of Matt's? B Yeah, Matt and I work at the same recording studio. J Oh, that sounds interesting. B Er, it can be. And what about you? What do you do? J I 'm a restaurant manager. B Ah, right. What type of restaurant is it? J Er, it's an Italian restaurant called La Trattoria, on Brook Street. B Oh, I know the one. <i>[start of con]</i> I 've had dinner there once or twice. The food is very good. J Oh, that's nice to hear, thanks, <i>[end of conv]</i> Oh, here's my card. If you ever need a table, just give me a call. You might get a free glass of wine as well. B Thanks a lot, I 'll remember that. Ah, there's Matt. Sorry, I need to ask him something. Nice meeting you, Jackie. J You too. B See you later, maybe. J Yes, see you. 3 CAROL Hi, Liam. So pleased you could come. LIAM Very happy to be here, Carol. Great party! C Thanks very much. Liam, this is my sister, Amy. L Hello, Amy. Nice to meet you. AMY Nice to meet you too. L Didn't we meet at Carol and Matt's wedding? C Yes, that's right, you did. You sat at the same table, I think. A Oh, yes, I remember. You're a lawyer, aren't you? L Yes, that's right. A How do you two know each other? L Carol and I work together. A Oh, right. C Well, I do most of the work, <i>[start of conv]</i> Liam just sits at his desk chatting to people on Facebook all day. L Hey! That's not true. Well, not all the time anyway, <i>[end of conv]</i> Oh, I 'm sorry, there's an old friend I need to say hello to. It's great to see you again, Amy. A And you. See you later. L Yes, see you. C Shall we get some food?</p>
<p>Answer Keys: A 1. Husband 2. Spain 3. Matt 4. Neighbor 5. Lawyer 6. Sister</p>	<p>B 1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False</p>

Video script of lesson 5: A TABLE FOR TEN- apologizing, giving reasons, making promises

<p>DAVID Ah, Carol, there you are. Have you got that report I asked for? CAROL I 'm sorry, David, I couldn't finish it this morning. D Oh, dear. What happened? C I had to help Henry. He had some problems with a client. D But I need that report for the meeting first thing tomorrow. C I know. I 'll finish it now and email it to you. D I hope so. It's very important. Oh and Carol, I know this is asking a lot, but I invited some clients home for dinner this evening, and my wife phoned a few minutes ago to say that she's ill. Er, could you take them out for dinner instead? C This evening? Oh ... yes, of course. D Oh, that's great. You can take them to any restaurant you like. There are nine of them. C Nine! D Yes, they're very important clients. Please look after them. C Yes, of course. D Thank you, Carol. I can email you their names and all the information you need. C Right. See you tomorrow, then. I hope your wife gets better soon. D Thanks, Carol. Enjoy the evening. 2 MATT: Hi, Carol. CAROL: Hi, love. M: Where do you want to meet for the concert tonight? C: Well ... M Are you alright? C Yes, I 'm fine. But look, it's about tonight. I'm really sorry, but I can't come to the concert. I have to take some clients out for dinner. David's wife's ill. M Oh, don't worry. I can give the tickets to mum and dad. They love going to concerts.</p>	<p>C But are you sure you don't want to go? M Not without you. C I 'm sorry, Matt. And I really wanted to go to that concert. M Yes, I know you did. Another time, maybe. When you're not so busy at work. C Thanks for understanding, love. Anyway, I have to go. I have to phone the restaurant. M OK, see you when you get home. Have a nice dinner. C Thanks, love. Bye. M Bye. C ... Oh, hi, Jackie, it's Carol ... I 'd like to book a table for ten at eight thirty this evening, please. 3 JACKIE J Oh hi, Carol ... A table for ten at eight thirty. Just one moment ... Yes, that's fine. Right, see you this evening at eight thirty. Bye. AMY Excuse me, Jackie. J What is it, Amy? A I have to leave at six. I 'm sorry, but I can't prepare the tables for this evening. J Oh, right. Why? A I just got a text from my mum. Her sister's in hospital and she wants to go and see her. So I have to go home and look after my little brother. I 'm really sorry, but I can't say no to my mum. J OK, don't worry, I can prepare the tables. B But we've just got a booking for ten people at eight thirty. I need you for that. We're going to be very busy this evening. A I 'll be back before eight thirty, I promise. J Are you sure? A Yes, the hospital visiting hours finish at eight. J OK then. But get back as soon as you can. A Of course. Thanks, Jackie. J Oh, Amy. One more thing ...</p>
<p>Answer Keys: A. 1. David 2. Carol 3. Carol Husband (Matt) 4. Carol 5. Amy 6. Jackie</p>	<p>B. 1. Carol 2. Amy 3. Carol 4. Amy 5. Carol 6. Carol 7. Amy</p>