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• Practice the conversations with a partner.
• When you are finished, change roles and practice the conversations again.

Conversation 1

Amex Company is having a party for the employees and their families. Javier and Robin are meeting for the first time.

Javier: This food looks great.
Robin: Yeah, Amex always has great food at its parties.
Javier: Do you work for Amex?
Robin: No, my husband works for them.
Javier: Oh, what do you do?
Robin: I’m a waitress. And you? Do you work for Amex?
Javier: Yeah, I do. By the way, my name is Javier.
Robin: Nice to meet you Javier. I’m Robin.
Javier: Nice to meet you too.

Conversation 2

Language ETC is having a party for the students, teachers, and their families. Bob and Maria are meeting for the first time.

Maria: This music is great.
Bob: Yeah, Language ETC always has great music at its parties.
Maria: Are you a teacher here?
Bob: Yeah, I teach on Mondays.
Maria: Oh, which level do you teach?
Bob: 1B. And you? Are you a student here?
Maria: Yes, I’m in level 2A. By the way, my name is Maria.
Bob: Nice to meet you Maria. I’m Bob.
Maria: Nice to meet you too.
Conversation 3

Maria is having a party for her friends. Anna and Don are meeting for the first time.

Don: This is a great party.
Anna: Yeah, Maria always has great parties.
Don: How do you know Maria?
Anna: Our children often play together.
Don: Oh, how many children do you have?
Anna: I have two boys, 6 and 10. And you? Do you have children?
Don: No, I don’t, but my wife is pregnant. She’s due in 3 months.
Anna: That’s wonderful. By the way, my name is Anna.
Don: Nice to meet you Anna. I’m Don.
Anna: Nice to meet you too.
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- Compare your answers with your partner.

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## B. What is the same about the conversations?
Compare your answers with your partner.

- People are meeting for the first time.
- People are at a party.
- Look at the conversations again.
- How do the people start and continue the conversation?
- Fill in the chart and compare your answers with your partner.

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- Look at the response before the question and the response after the question.
- How do the questions and responses go together?
- Discuss the answer with your partner.
**Answer Key**

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You: This is a great party.
Jim: Yeah, Carmelo always has great parties.

You: ________________________________________?
Jim: _________________________________________.

You: Oh. ___________________________________?
Jim: I’m a carpenter. By the way, my name is Jim.
You: It’s nice to meet you Jim, I’m _[your name]_.
You: Nice to meet you too.

Situation 2

You are at your company party. The name of the company is Acme. You are meeting Anna for the first time. Anna doesn’t work for Acme, but her husband does work for them.

You: This food looks great.
Anna: Yeah, Acme always has great food at its parties.

You: ________________________________________?
Anna: ________________________________________.

You: Oh. ____________________________________?
Anna: I take care of children at a daycare center. By the way, my name is Anna.
You: It’s nice to meet you Anna. I’m _[your name]_.
Anna: Nice to meet you too.
Situation 3 – You are at your friend Maria’s party. You are meeting Bob for the first time. Bob and Maria’s children often play together.

You: This music is great.
Bob: Yeah, Maria always has great music at her parties.

You: ______________________________________________________?
Bob: ______________________________________________________.

You: Oh. __________________________________________________?
Bob: I have 3 girls. By the way, I’m Bob.
You: Nice to meet you Bob. I’m ___[your name]__.
Bob: Nice to meet you too.

Situation 4 - You are at the Language ETC party. You are meeting Robin for the first time. Robin teaches on Tuesdays.

You: This is a great party.
Robin: Yeah, Language ETC always has great parties.

You: ______________________________________________________?
Robin: ______________________________________________________.

You: Oh. __________________________________________________?
Robin: I teach level 1A. By the way, my name is Robin.
You: It’s nice to meet you Robin, I’m ___[your name]__.
Robin: Nice to meet you too.

Situation 5 – You are at your wife/husband’s company party. The name of the company is Peterson’s. You are meeting Javier for the first time. Javier works for Peterson’s.

You: This music is great.
Javier: Yeah, Peterson’s always has great music at its parties.

You: ______________________________________________________?
Javier: ______________________________________________________.

You: Oh. __________________________________________________?
Javier: I’m a clerk in the shipping department. By the way, my name is Javier.
You: It’s nice to meet you Javier. I’m ___[your name]__.
Javier: Nice to meet you too.
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Jim: ___I work with his brother.

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Anna: ___No, my husband works for them.

You: Oh. ___What do you do?
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You: It’s nice to meet you Anna. I’m _[your name]_.
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Bob: **Our children often play together.**

You: Oh. **How many children do you have?**
Bob: I have 3 girls. By the way, I’m Bob.
You: Nice to meet you Bob. I’m **[your name]**.
Bob: Nice to meet you too.

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You: This is a great party.
Robin: Yeah, Language ETC always has great parties.

You: **Are you a teacher here?**
Robin: **Yeah, I teach on Tuesdays.**

You: Oh. **Which level do you teach?**
Robin: I teach level 1A. By the way, my name is Robin.
You: It’s nice to meet you Robin, I’m **[your name]**.
Robin: Nice to meet you too.

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You: This music is great.
Javier: Yeah, Peterson’s always has great music at its parties.

You: **Do you work for Peterson’s?**
Javier: **Yes, I do.**

You: Oh. **What do you do?**
Javier: I’m a clerk in the shipping department. By the way, my name is Javier.
You: It’s nice to meet you Javier. I’m **[your name]**.
Javier: Nice to meet you too.
Situation 6— You are at your friends Romero’s party. You are meeting Luisa for the first time. Romero and Luisa study English together.

You: This food looks great.
Luisa: Yeah, Romero always has great food at his parties.

You: __________________________________________________?
Luisa: __________________________________________________.

You: Oh. ______________________________________________?
Luisa: We take classes at Language ETC. By the way, my name is Luisa.
You: Nice to meet you Luisa. I’m ___[your name]__.
Luisa: Nice to meet you too.

Situation 7— You are at your company party. The name of the company is ACS. You are meeting Frank for the first time. Frank doesn’t work for ACS, but his wife does.

You: This is a great party.
Frank: Yeah, ACS always has great parties.

You: __________________________________________________?
Frank: __________________________________________________.

You: Oh. ______________________________________________?
Frank: I’m a mechanic. By the way, my name is Frank.
You: It’s nice meeting you Frank. I’m ___[your name]__.
Frank: Nice to meet you too.
Situation 8 - You are at the Language ETC party. You are meeting Rodolfo for the first time. Rodolfo is a student and takes classes on the weekend.

You: This food looks great.
Rodolfo: Yeah, Language ETC always has great food at its parties.

You: _________________________________________________?
Rodolfo: ________________________________________________.

You: Oh. _________________________________________________?
Rodolfo: I’m in level 2B. By the way, my name is Rodolfo.
You: It’s nice meeting you Rodolfo, I’m ___[your name]___.
Rodolfo: Nice meeting you too.
You want to meet new people.
Work with a partner.
Read the situation.
Complete the conversation with the correct questions and responses.
Remember to connect the question with the statement before it.
Practice the conversations with your partner.

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Luisa: Yeah, Romero always has great food at his parties.

You: ___How do you know Romero?
Luisa: ___We study English together.

You: Oh. ___Where do you study English?
Luisa: We take classes at Language ETC. By the way, my name is Luisa.
You: Nice to meet you Luisa. I’m ___[your name]__.
Luisa: Nice to meet you too.

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Frank: Yeah, ACS always has great parties.

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Frank: ___No, my wife works for them.

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You: __Are you a student here?
Roldolfo: __Yes, I take classes on the weekend.

You: Oh. __Which level are you in?
Roldolfo: I’m in level 2B. By the way, my name is Rodolfo.
You: It’s nice to meet you Rodolfo, I’m __[your name]__.
Roldolfo: Nice to meet you too.
Unit 1 – Small Talk - Semi-Controlled Practice

- You want to meet new people.
- Work with a partner.
- Create your own party conversations ORALLY.
- Use the information provided in the two lists.
- How many different conversations can you create?

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Person 1: ______________________________?

Person 2: ______________________________

Person 1: ______________________________?

Person 2: ______________________________ By the way, my name is ___________.

Person 1: Nice to meet you ___________. I’m ___________.

Person 2: Nice to meet you too.
Imagine we are at our friend Javier’s party.

1. With your partner make a list of ways you could know Javier.

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2. Imagine you are meeting your classmates for the first time at Javier’s party. Practice meeting new people. Use the conversation model.