

Lesson 02: Housewarming party

Warm-up questions:

- 1. Do you like going to a housewarming party?
- 2. What do people do during a housewarming party?
- 3. What do you like to talk about during a party?

Expressions:

Welcoming and greeting:

It's good to see you.
I am glad you made it.
Thank you for coming./Thank you for inviting me.

Making request/offer:

Would you like a drink? Would you like a tour? Would you like to sit down?

Giving compliments:

I'm impressed by the view. I'm impressed by your home.

I really like your kitchen. Your living room is amazing. You have a really nice home.

Small talk is light, informal conversation.

- 1. Do you think you are good at small talk?
- 2. What are the benefits of having small talk?
- 3. How does it feel when a stranger starts a small talk with you?
- 4. Have you ever initiated small talk with a stranger?
- 5. Do you prefer to talk or listen during a conversation?

Tips:

- Provide details so the listener can have something to respond with.
- · Avoid "interview", instead make it more conversational.
- Listen carefully and don't be afraid to ask for clarification or more information about the topic.
- · Respect other's opinions.

Common small talk topics:

Weather, Sports, Hobbies/interests, Food, Travel, Current events, etc. *Avoid religion, politics, personal (salary, love-life, etc)

Practice having a small talk with your partner. You may discuss any topic and try to use the small talk tips from the above.