

THE ABILITY TO MAKE SMALL TALK



1. Educate yourself on the local scene, including business, economics, politics, sports, arts, literature, and music.
2. Read and access global and local in-country news sources: both leading international and local publications, broadcast media, and social media.
3. Build an inventory of topics you can ask your hosts questions about to interact with them :
4. Ask questions about the specificities of your foreign counterpart's culture (e.g. local food, art, festivals Art, Festivals, History, ect)
5. Ask about their families, hobbies, and professions
6. Find out who are the top 2 or 3 popular local sports stars, singers, actors, entertainers, heroes (both current and historical)- they will be impressed by your knowledge and will be the occasion to start a conversation
7. Find common interests and start a conversation on them.
8. Other popular small talk topics are : Travels and holidays • The latest movies, • the weather • People you both know (e.g. colleagues, etc).