



## LESSON 3:

# NETWORKING

- Talking about the place you live and work.
- Talking about things you can do in your free time.



Version without a key



## WARM UP

### INTERESTING

#### Definition of small talk from Wikipedia

Complete the definition of small talk with the words from the box.

social	phenomenon	discourse
ability	own	

**Small talk** is an informal type of \_\_\_\_\_ that does not cover any functional topics of conversation or any transactions that need to be addressed.

Small talk is conversation for its \_\_\_\_\_ sake. The \_\_\_\_\_ of small talk was initially studied in 1923 by Bronisław Malinowski, who coined the term "phatic communication" to describe it. The \_\_\_\_\_ to conduct small talk is a social skill; hence, small talk is some type of social communication. Early publications assume networked work positions as suitable for \_\_\_\_\_ communication

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Small\\_talk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Small_talk)



## EXTENDING YOUR VOCABULARY

### ☑ Exercise 1:

Match the definitions with the words or phrases from the text.

discourse	→		something that exists and can be seen, felt, tasted, etc., especially something unusual or interesting
phenomenon	→		the use of language in speech and writing in order to produce meaning
ability	→		do something because it is interesting and enjoyable, and not because you have or need to do it
for its own sake	→		that is the reason or explanation for
hence	→		the use of language in speech and writing in order to produce meaning

### ☑ Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with the words from the previous exercise.

ability	hence	phenomenon
discourse	for its own sake	

- I have children in my class of very mixed \_\_\_\_\_.
- His mother was Italian, \_\_\_\_\_ his name - Luca.
- I study for its \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ can be spoken or written.
- Gravity is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.



## SPEAKING

### ☑ Exercise 1

Try to give your own definition of small talk.

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### ☑ Exercise 2: practice new vocabulary

Answer the questions using the suggested words in brackets.

1. Why is small talk regarded as a social skill?

(ability)

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2. How can you describe a “small talk”? What does it exactly mean?

(phenomenon)

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3. What language is used in a “small talk”?

(discourse)

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4. Why do we sometimes say that “small talk” is a conversation about nothing?

(for its own sake)

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## PART TWO

### TALKING ABOUT THE PLACE YOU LIVE AND WORK

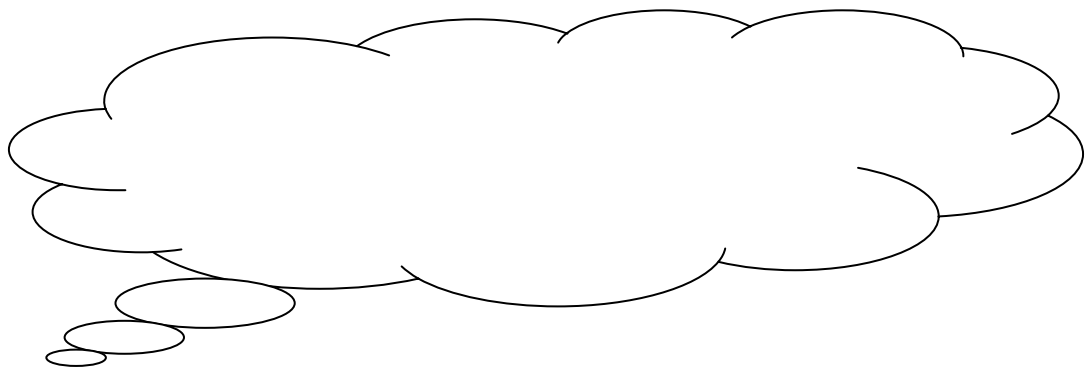
#### ☒ Exercise 1

Look at the questions below and order them to a proper category. Put ‘+’ in a proper column.

QUESTIONS	about your place of living	about your work
Where do you live?		
What is the position of your company in the market?		
What is it famous for?		
How many people are there in your department?		
What's the population of your town?		
Is the traffic in your city during rush hours bearable?		
How long have you been living there?		
How many employees does your company have?		
What do you do?		
Is there anything worth seeing?		
Where are you based?		
Do you like it here?		
Where are you from?		
Who do you work for?		
When did you start working for this company?		
Is your neighborhood nice / safe / worth recommending?		
How long have you been in your job / position?		

**☑ Exercise 2: speaking**

**Answer all the questions from the chart.**





TALKING ABOUT THINGS YOU CAN DO IN YOUR FREE TIME.  
WORK-LIFE BALANCE.

- 🗨 What is a work-life balance?
- 🗨 Have a look at the pictures and think about work-life balance?
- 🗨 What is it for you?



According to Wikipedia work-life balance is:

**Work–life balance** is a concept including proper prioritizing between "work" (career and ambition) and "lifestyle" (health, pleasure, leisure, family and spiritual development/meditation). Related, though broader, terms include "lifestyle calm balance" and "lifestyle choices".

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Work%E2%80%93life\\_balance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Work%E2%80%93life_balance)

**Speaking exercises – talking about your work-life balance and your free time.**

☒ **Exercise 1**

Explain the definition of work-life balance using your own words.

☒ **Exercise 2**

**Answer the questions about your work-life balance.**

1. Do you think you can keep your work-life balance?

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2. How difficult is it for you to keep the work-life balance?

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3. What are your ways of keeping the work-life balance?

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4. How important is your free time for you?

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5. What do you do in your free time to keep your work-life balance?

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6. How do you organize your life to keep your work-life balance?

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7. What activities can you recommend to keep your work-life balance?

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☑ **Exercise 3**

How would you finish the sentences:

To keep my work-life balance I need to:

🗨 Start doing...	
🗨 Stop doing...	
🗨 Continue doing...	
🗨 Do more...	
🗨 Do less...	
🗨 Do differently...	

☑ **Exercise 4**

Which activities would you choose? Say more about each activity e.g.: ways of spending time in such a way / examples, etc.

Write your answers to the questions in the proper boxes.

1.	Say why would you choose them and talk about the ones you already do or you've done before?
2.	Why these activities help you to keep the work-life balance?
3.	How do you benefit from them?

**Activities:**

doing different kinds of sport	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

meeting friends	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
meeting family	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
being a father and a mother -> spending time with your children	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
being involved in local community activities	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
caring for your health	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

taking care of your appearance	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
devoting your time to your hobbies	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
being involved in different outdoor recreation activities	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
spending time as a volunteer	1.	
	2.	
	3.	