

Defining relative clauses personalised speaking practice

Ask your partner about their evening/ day/ week/ weekend in as much detail as possible. Imagine you know nothing about this country, this city, your partner's job or your partner's company and ask them to explain at least one thing during your conversation with questions like "Sorry, what is...?" Then switch roles and do the same thing. Useful phrases for the person answering the questions are in **bold** below. Continue switching roles and doing the same thing until your teacher stops you.

Basic small talk questions

How's it going?/ How are things?/ How's life?/ How are you doing?

How's work?

How's business?

How's your... project going?

How has your day been (so far)?

How was your evening?/ Did you do anything (nice) last night?

How has your week been (so far)?

How was your weekend?/ Did you do anything nice at the weekend?

Long time no see. How have you been?

Basic answers to "How...?" questions

(It...)

great

I...

good

not bad

okay

so-so

not so good

terrible/ awful

Asking for more details

What are you working on at the moment?

What have you been up to?

So, where (exactly) did you...?

What did you use to...?

What kind of... did you...?

What was the name of...?

What is his/ her job/ role?

Asking what something is/ means

Sorry, what (exactly) is...?

I'm afraid I've never heard of... (Could you explain...?)

What (precisely) does... do?

Explaining what something is/ means

It's a place/ shop/ café/ restaurant/ park/ part of the city/ shopping area/ ...

He's/ She's a person...

It's a thing/ a TV programme/ a movie/ an app/ a festival/ a.../ an...

Tell the class one thing you explained and how you explained it, and see if they can improve your definition.