# Vocabulary and phrases for socializing, making friends, and discussing hobbies.

Vocabulary and phrases when you are out to make friends are many but we can hand pick a few to start with.

* **Greeting a friend**

Hey!

Hi!

How’s it going?

How’re you going?

How are things?

Alright, yeah?

* **To a group of guys or girls, you can say:**Hi everyone!
Hey guys! – this is used also when greeting a group of girls
* **Asking How Your Friend’s Day Is Going**

Had a good day? / Good day / what’s new?

* **Starting a conversation depending on how you read the mood**

Your friend might be in a great mood or he/she may appear upset or moody and in this case, it is advisable to check on them first depending on your relationship.

Looks like you’ve.. had a good day.
You seem a little stressed | distracted.

* **Expressing how you feel**

Great!
Couldn’t be better
Pretty tired/bored/good/uptight
A bit tired
Things are so-so/great/alright, I guess

* **Catching up about their favorite Team- Time and again sport comes up in a conversation:**

Hey did you catch the match last night?/Did you catch up with the game?
The (Eagles) – teams name) are doing great, aren’t they?!
They’re playing terribly/Great this year
Do you think they will win?

* **Using ‘SO’ Can Help Make The Conversation Flow**.

So what’s new?
So do you fancy a drink?
So did you get the job? /So how have you been? /Sooo, I guess I better go now

* **Responding To A Suggestion To Meet Up – If you are available**Sounds goodGreat, see you then!WonderfulCool, see you there!
* **Closing Salutation**
Catch you later!
Later ‘bro – *more in the USA*
See you later!
Take care!
‘Bye!
Alright, later mate! / Take it easy.

**Phrases mostly used in meet ups with friends**

* **To Chill Out -** to relax in a sociable atmosphere away from the strains of everyday life. Example: I enjoyed chilling out on the beach yesterday with my friends.
* **To Find Out About-** to get the information you were looking for. Example: I spoke to her mum to find out about the arrangements for the wedding.
* **To Ask Someone Over-** to invite someone to your house. Example: The notice was short to ask friends over for dinner.
* **To Come Across-** this can be used both positively or negatively. Example: I came across his name in the yellow pages or I haven’t come across him since I moved to another town.
* **To chat up-** to talk to someone casually. Example: He chatted the girl next door and they will be going out to the beach today.
* **To ask someone out –** This is used in romantic encounters. “I want to ask you out for dinner’/ “John asked me out but I turned him down”
* **Stop by/Stop in/ Pop in-** This is to enter a room or apartment or any other place briefly. “I stopped by/ popped in to say hello”

**When discussing Hobbies:**

1. "So, what do you like to do for fun?"
2. "I'm really into [hobby/interest]. How about you?"
3. "Have you ever tried [hobby]? I find it really enjoyable."
4. "I've been spending a lot of time [engaging in hobby]. Have you had any experience with it?"
5. "I'm a huge fan of [activity/game]. Do you share the same interest?"
6. "I've recently taken up [hobby]. It's been a great way to unwind."
7. "Have you ever been to [related event/place]? It's perfect for people who enjoy [hobby]."
8. "I'm curious, how did you get started with [hobby]?"
9. "I'm always on the lookout for new hobbies. Any suggestions?"
10. "What do you like most about [hobby]? I find [specific aspect] really fascinating."

# Dialogues and conversations about leisure activities.

Dialogue 1

Liz: Hey there! How's it going? Jenny: Hey! I'm good, thanks. Just looking for some fun leisure activities to do this weekend. Any suggestions?

Liz: Absolutely! There are so many options. What kind of activities are you into?

Jenny: I'm open to trying new things, but I enjoy both outdoor and indoor activities. Something that helps me relax and unwind.

Liz: Got it. Well, have you ever considered going for a hike or nature walk? It's a great way to connect with nature and get some fresh air.

Jenny: That sounds nice! Any specific trails or parks you recommend?

Liz: Well, depending on where you're located, there might be some local trails or nature reserves. You could also explore nearby national parks if you're up for a bit of a drive.

Jenny: That's a cool idea. What about indoor activities? Sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate.

Liz: True. Indoor activities offer a lot of variety too. How about trying your hand at painting or crafting? You could take a class or just get some supplies and let your creativity flow.

Jenny: Painting sounds interesting. I'm not very artistic, but I guess it's about having fun, right?

Liz: Absolutely! The process is what matters most. And who knows, you might surprise yourself with your artistic skills. If painting isn't your thing, you could try cooking or baking something new and delicious.

Jenny: Cooking sounds like a tasty option. I do enjoy experimenting in the kitchen. Any particular dish you'd recommend?

Liz: Well, you could challenge yourself with a cuisine you've never tried before, like making sushi rolls or trying your hand at homemade pasta. It's a fun way to learn new cooking techniques.

Jenny: I like that idea. Sushi sounds like a unique challenge. But you know, sometimes I just want to relax without putting in too much effort.

Liz: Of course, we all have those days. How about a cozy movie or TV show marathon? Grab your favorite snacks, get comfy, and enjoy some quality entertainment.

Jenny: That's a classic option that never gets old. Any movie or show recommendations?

Liz: It depends on your taste, but if you're into comedies, "Parks and Recreation" is a great choice. If you're in the mood for something adventurous, "Stranger Things" could be a good pick.

Jenny: Awesome, I'll keep those in mind. Thanks for all the suggestions! I'm feeling much more excited about the weekend now.

Liz: You're welcome! Just remember, leisure activities are all about having a good time and recharging, so go with whatever feels enjoyable and relaxing for you.

Jenny: Absolutely, I will. Thanks again! Have a fantastic weekend too, whatever you end up doing.

Liz: Thanks! Take care and have a blast with your leisure activities. Enjoy your weekend!

Listening is very rewarding for the person conversing to you and you too.

It shows that you value the person talking to you and as result you are not likely to get misunderstood or gather wrong information.

* Have an eye contact – Not too much eye contact since it may be intimidating but just the right leverage. Break eye contact once in a while but make sure your friends notices that you are attentive. During the break you can look aside or up but not down.
* Posture – It should be open. This means that you should avoid crossing your legs or arms as that gives the impression of defensive/not interested. Read the facial expressions and see what the person is communicating to you and what he is not.
* Do not interrupt – It gives the impression that the other person is wasting their time or what they have to say is not important. If you are a quick talker, force yourself to slow down so that the other person can feel a part of you.
* Avoid judging/concluding abruptly- Focus on listening. Similarly, don’t assume that you know everything.
* Show that you are enjoying the conversation. If the person is excited, nod your head, smile, laugh, respond with words like “tell me more, yes, uha, and encourage your friend to continue to speak. Avoid fidgeting, looking at your watch or look elsewhere. Sometimes repeat what he/she has said so that your friend can know you are attentive. Ask relevant questions and wait for answers.