

Topics for the Weekly Conversation Group

The numbered list below presents some topics that you might prepare ahead of time. Especially for newcomers, having a topic to prepare can smooth your way. We will ask you to introduce yourself and you can say your name, what subject(s) you study or what department you study in, and the topic you want to talk about.

An example self-introduction opening could be:

"Hi. My name is _____. I am in the junior college and I'm studying engineering. This is my first time here; I'd like to talk about what happened to me on my way to school today..."

Since it is easy to ramble once you start a topic, it might help you to write down some specific points to say about the topic. Continuing the above example, here are some notes you might have made:

*NOTES: bus late / hailed a taxi / short on money /
gave the driver my phone as collateral / hope I get my phone back /
got the driver's contact info and license number / left GPS tracking on*

Finally, there is no pressure for you to prepare, but having a topic might smooth your way into bonding with the group for the session.

1. **Introduce yourself** (age, birthplace, language status, your study topics at LHU, family, etc)
2. **Talk about family** (members, relations with them, things you do together, etc)
3. **Food** (what you like to eat, if you cook, special diet, etc)
4. **Activities** (sports, music, whether you play, sing, or listen, travel, etc)
5. **Education** (where?, studied what?, special study experiences)
6. **Holidays** (what ones you like, celebrate, have curiosity about, etc)
7. **Hobbies** (this is about things that you actively create)
8. **Pastimes** (this is about ways you spend your time, but don't create anything, such as playing computer games)
9. **Strong interests and experiences**
10. **Special memories**
11. **Show and tell**
12. **Self-selected topics**

Welcome to the English Conversation Group. We hope this will be a special experience for you!

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