

English Conversation for Everyday Situations



- Practical spoken English for daily life situations



- For English learners, teachers, and course creators



- From situations to phrases, listening, and teaching



- Outcome: fluent, confident, natural daily conversations



Core Situations and Contexts

- - Core settings: greetings, shopping, dining, directions, and phone calls
- - Simple transactional exchanges suit beginners best
- - Intermediate learners add opinions and reasons to familiar topics
- - Situation shapes tone and register—from formal shops to casual chats



greetings



shopping



dining



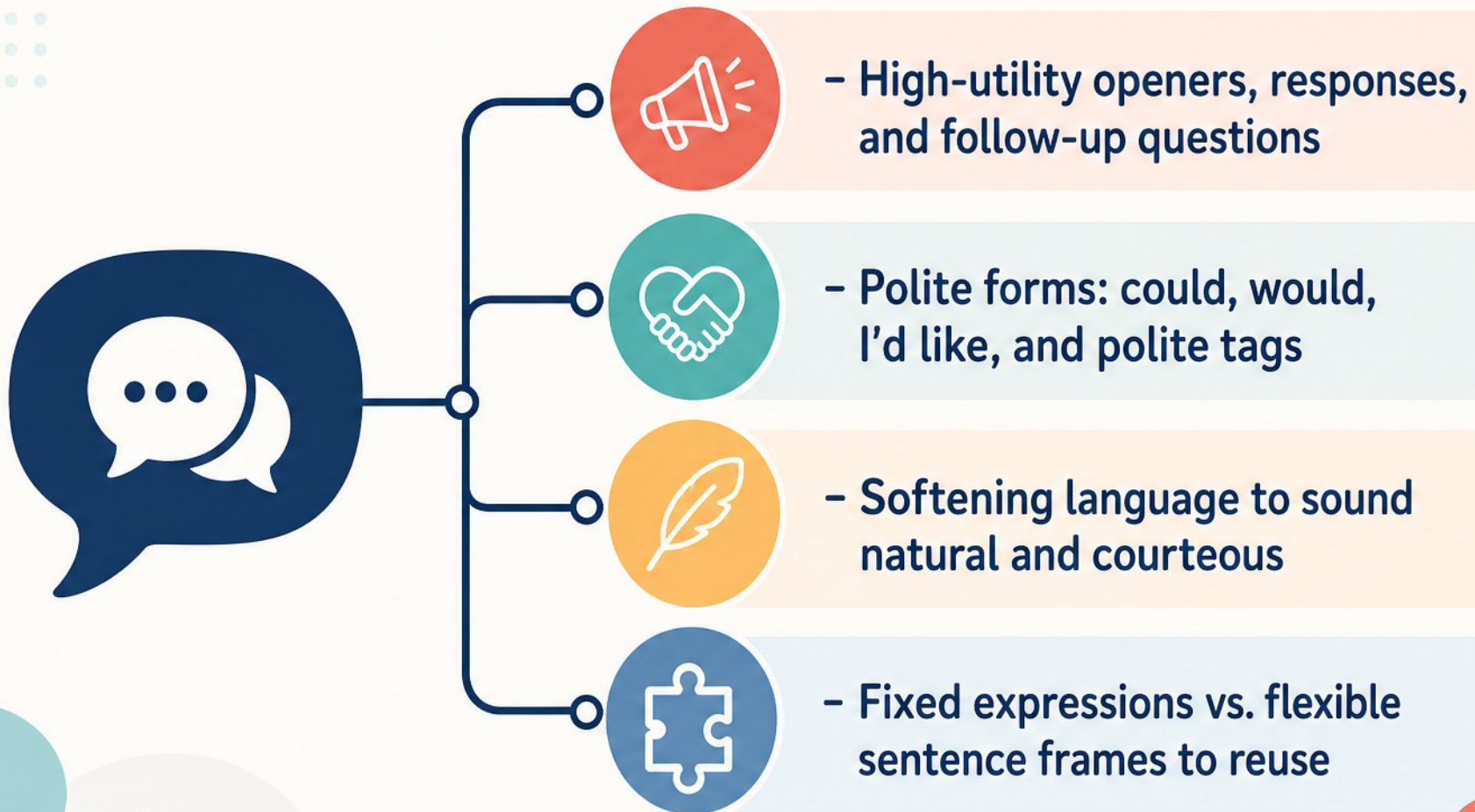
directions



phone calls



Useful Phrases and Sentence Patterns



Starting and Sustaining Conversations



- Safe small talk topics: weather, weekend plans, work, local events



- Use the reaction-plus-follow-up pattern: react, then ask an open question



- Keep it going with follow-up questions and active listening



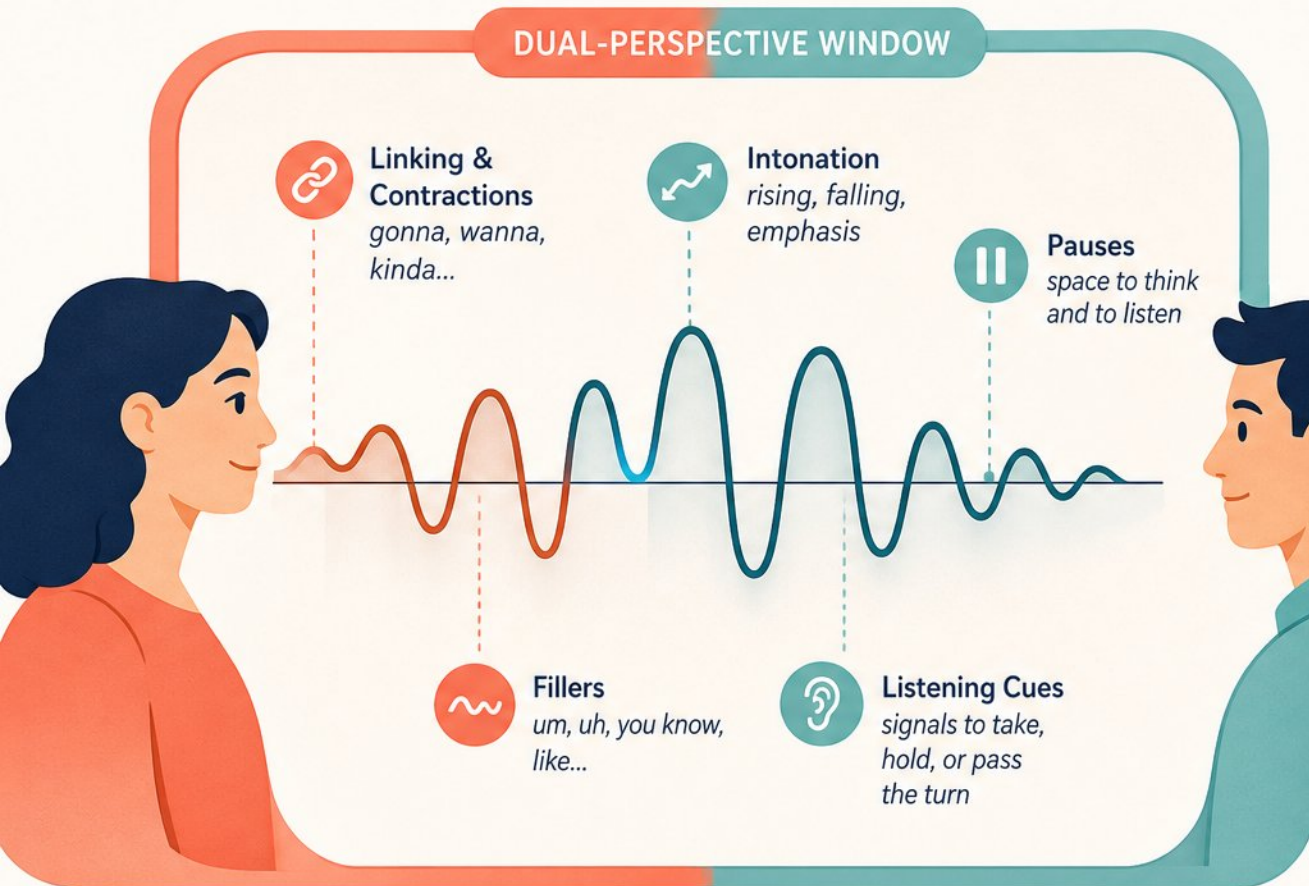
- Change subjects smoothly with "By the way..." and "That reminds me..."



- Close politely with "It was nice talking to you" or "Take care"



Listening and Turn-Taking



- **Reduced speech:**
linking, contractions, and fillers in natural talk



- **Verbal cues and intonation** signal when to take, hold, or pass a turn



- **Active listening responses:** *Oh really?*
That sounds interesting.



- **Clarification strategies:**
Sorry, I didn't catch that.
/ Could you repeat that?



Building Confidence and Fluency



- Low-pressure daily speaking routines build automaticity



- Chunking and shadowing improve natural speech flow



- Speak first, aim for clarity, and keep going past mistakes



- Repetition with feedback turns effort into habit



Teaching Everyday Conversation

- Lesson structure: warm-up, situational input, controlled practice, free speaking
- Role-plays and information-gap tasks push genuine interaction
- Use visible conversation frames: opener → question → follow-up → close
- Adapt materials by level; beginners use tighter frames and sentence starters
- Keep slides minimal; aim for 70% active speaking time



Designing Conversation Course Materials



Assessing Speaking Progress



- Simple criteria: task completion, comprehensibility, fluency, interaction



- Use self-assessment and peer feedback alongside teacher observation



- Recorded pair talks or focus observations keep assessment low-stakes



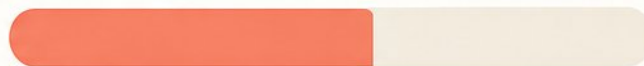
- Track patterns over time rather than judging single performances



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



Task completion



Comprehensibility



Fluency



Interaction



Common Problems and How to Solve Them

Inside My Head



I'm stuck



Textbook phrases and direct translation sound unnatural; learn natural chunks instead



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What I Need



Leveling Everyday Conversation



- **Beginner:** survival exchanges — greetings, ordering, directions, simple questions



- **Intermediate:** add opinions, reasons, and longer exchanges on familiar topics



- **Advanced:** handle disagreement, hedging, complex topics, higher-pressure situations



- Match conversation tasks to each learner's CEFR level (A1–A2, B1–B2, C1–C2)



Making Conversation Feel Natural

- Shift registers: formal, neutral, or casual depending on the situation
- Show politeness with small choices: could, would, and softeners
- Use connected speech, stress, and intonation for a natural flow
- Adjust your language to the person, place, and purpose



Examples:



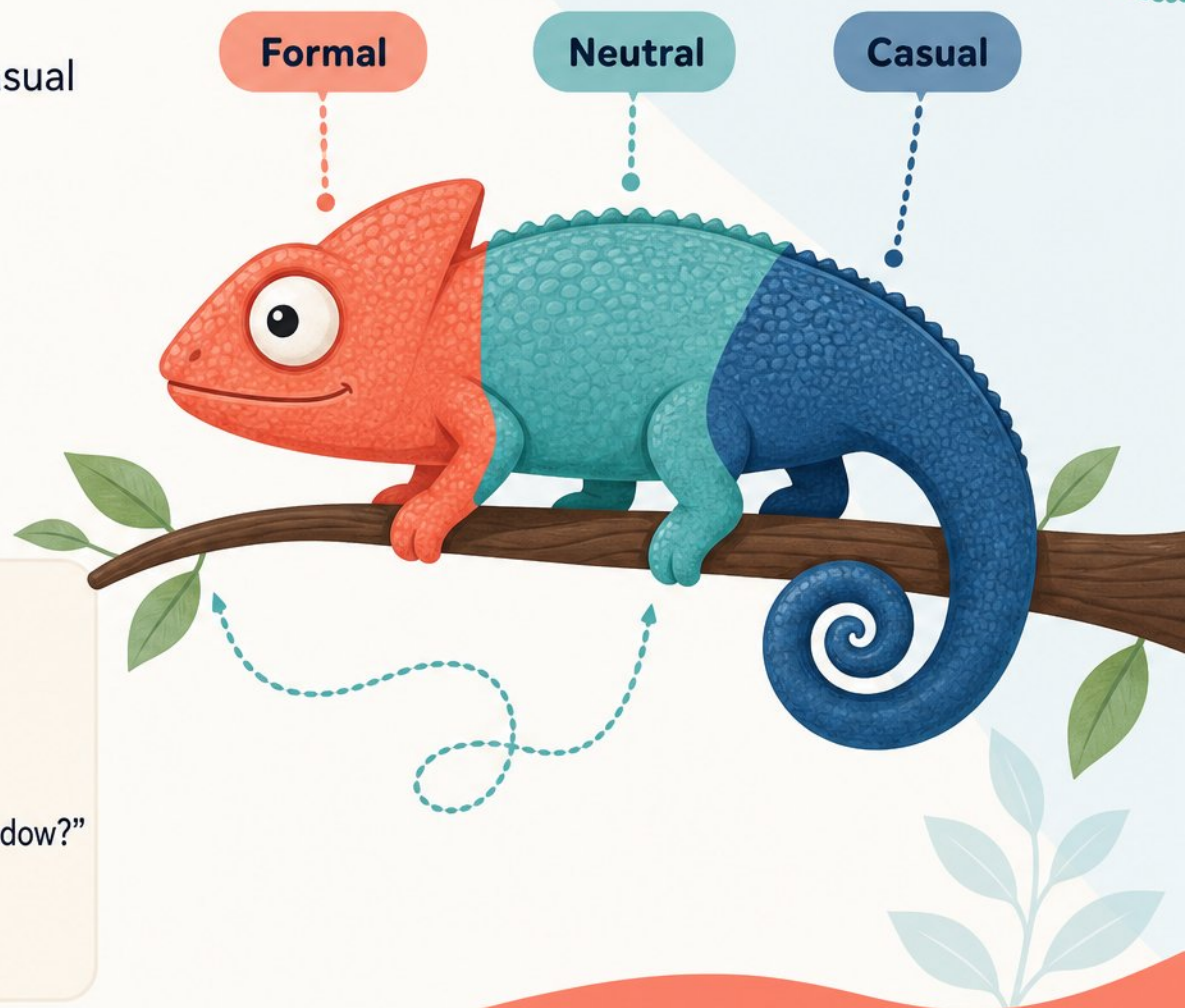
Neutral: “Could you pass the salt?”



Formal: “Would you mind closing the window?”



Casual: “Can I get a coffee?”



Practice Plan and Next Steps



- Practice daily with short, low-pressure speaking sessions



- Use the 4/3/2 method: retell one topic in 4, 3, and 2 minutes



- Try free resources: British Council, Hilokal, and SpeakShark



- For teachers: use role-plays and information gaps from this training



- Apply immediately: start one small speaking routine today



Wrap-Up:

Making Everyday Conversation a Habit



- Learn situations, flexible phrases, and turn-taking skills



- Progress comes from regular low-stakes practice, not perfection



- Start a small speaking routine today and repeat it daily



- Consistent output builds confidence and makes English a natural habit



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