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"You could make your own destiny; you could work hard and that could lead you to your dream..."





### **First Contact**



#### Icebreaker

Match each question with the correct answer.

- 1. Hey, what's up?
- 2. So, what are you into?
- 3. How do people greet in your country?
- 4. You look familiar. Have we met before?
- 5. Do you live around here?
- 6. What do you usually do on the weekend?
- a. I like to hang out with friends.
- b. Yes! You were at Gary's party!
- **c.** No, I live in the city.
- d. I like photography.
- e. Not much. I just had a class.
- f. We usually shake hands.

Practice asking the questions above with a classmate. Think of three more questions that you could ask someone you have just met.

1.	
2.	
2	

#### Natural English

We use the word "into' in spoken English to describe our hobbies and interests. You can think of it "? as replacing the word "like." For example, if you like music, you can say "I'm into music."



### Task 1 This Is a Great Party

Listen to the conversations and number the pictures. ©22













#### **SKILLS** Listening for Predictions

What will each person most likely say next? Listen again and circle the correct answers.

- 1. a. I came with that group over there.
  - **b.** Yes, I live in the school dormitory.
  - c. Sorry, I don't know where it is.
- 2. a. I'm too tired. Please slow down.
  - **b.** Yes, about four times a week.
  - c. I often start running at 5 p.m.
- 3. a. I just came from the dorm.
  - b. I'll study here for a year.
  - c. I'm from Taiwan.

- 4. a. It's due back in two weeks.
  - b. Sure. What kind of books are you into?
  - c. OK. It's about a man who travels a lot.
- 5. a. Really? it's quite famous.
  - b. The sale had 50% off.
  - c. OK! Let's exchange numbers.
- 6. a. I'm really into basketball.
  - **b.** I'm a Miami fan.
  - c. I've played for about two years.

#### Task 2 Are You a Freshman?

James and Kelly are getting to know each other. Listen and circle T if the statement is true and F if it is false. (©4



1. James is an English major.	T	F	
2. James is from Florida.	T	F	
3. They are in the same English class.	Т	F	
4. They are both seniors in college.	Т	F	
5. James is only taking one English course.	Т	F	
6. James' parents didn't want him to study law.	T	F	

#### **SKILLS** Listening for Opinions

Listen to the statements. Check the ones that are opinions. (©5

1.	a	b	c
2.	a	b	c
3.	a	b	c
4.	a	b	c
5.	a	b	c
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## Did You Know?

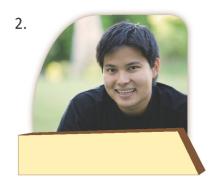
The name "Big Apple" became popular in a famous New York newspaper in the 1920s. A writer used the word "apple" for the prizes that were awarded at horse races. Because there were many important horse races in New York, people started calling it "The Big Apple."

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#### Task 3 I'm Into Dancing!

Listen to six people introduce themselves. Write each person's name under the picture.













#### Listening for Locations

Listen again and match the speaker to the place that he or she comes from.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_
- a. Singapore
  - **b.** Paris, France
  - c. California, U.S.A
- d. Minnesota, U.S.A
- Sydney, Australia
- Texas, U.S.A

#### Challenge!

Can you remember the greetings the six people use? Write as many as you can below.



#### **Pronunciation Helper**

#### **Pronunciation Practice**

- A. Listen and repeat. Practice reading the questions with the correct intonation. ©68
  - 1. Do you live around here?
  - 2. Who is that guy over there?
  - 3. Are you a freshman, too?
  - 4. How may I help you?
  - 5. Where are you from?
  - 6. Have you lived here long?

We use a rising sound for "yes/no" questions and a falling sound for "wh" questions.

**E.g.** Q: Are you a student here? (rising)

- A: Yes, I am.
- Q: Where do you live? > (falling)
- A: I live in the city.
- B. Listen to the questions and draw an arrow pointing up or down to show the correct intonation.

1.	2.	3.	
4.	5.	6.	

#### Listen Closely!

Listen to the conversation and write the missing words. ©



- M: What a great party! <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ you having fun?
- W: Yes, I am. I'm Sally. 2.\_\_\_\_\_ your name? M: I'm Tony. It's nice to meet you. So, are you a student at
- W: Yes, I am. 3. \_\_\_\_\_ do you study?
- M: I study Computing. 4.\_\_\_\_\_ about you?
- W: Math. 5. you live near the school?
- M: Yes, I live in the dormitory.

CalTech, too?

- W: Oh, lucky you. Hey, I have to go meet my friends.
- M: Oh, OK. 6. I add you on Facebook?
- W: Sure. Look me up I'm Sally Carter.

Pair Work: Role-play the conversation with a classmate.

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