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**Fifth Semester: Anglais**

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**Lecture2: Small talk (initiating a conversation on various topics)**

Small talk has always been neglected in learning communication. It is seen as a superficial means of interaction. In fact, it is a comfortable means to converse with potential people in classrooms, work or trips..;etc

**Objectives:**

* Students will know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate topics for small talk..
* Students will be able to open conversations with mates they have never talked to before.

**But becareful!**

There are some subjects that you cannot talk about or ask for like:

Salary, weight, religion, politics, personal appearance, age… depending on the culture of each country!

That’s why you should do a lot of reading to be ready to start a conversation especially with people you’re not familiar with.

**Example Conversation**   
A: Hello. B: Hi there, how’s it going?   
A: Not too bad.  
 B: Did you watch the baseball game last night.   
A: No, I didn’t. I had to work late. How was the game?   
B: It was quite exciting.   
A: Why, what happened?   
B: There was a fight in the 4th inning.

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