

Opening; Try a topic
 "Isn't it cold today?"

Opening; Try a open question
 Instead of "Do you like this city?" try "What is your favourite city?"

Opening; Try a compliment
 "That is a really nice [hat]. Can I ask where you got it?"

Opening; Try an observation
 "Isn't this venue interesting?"

Closing; Formal
 "Thank you for your time today."

Closing; Informal & friendly
 "I had a great time talking with you. Hope to see you again soon."

Closing; Moving the conversation onto someone else
 "This is my colleague Jack."

Closing; Getting away
 "Let me get you a drink."

Opening & Closing Conversation

Conversational Strategies

Repair Strategies

Discourse Markers

Confirmation checks
 Confirming the other person understands;
 'So, you want to meet outside the station?'
 'Did you say outside the station?'

Circumlocution
 Talking around something when you don't remember the word
 It's a person who works for the people...
 It's someone who is generally elected....

Self-repair
 Correcting yourself
 "He go to the shops, I mean went to the shop"
 "Every students like the teacher"
 "Every student likeS the teacher"

Reformulation
 Saying something another way
 In other words.....
 Strictly speaking....
 What I mean is.....



Repair strategies