

Lesson 2. Interview tips and Small Talk. Phrase bank

Your day	
Phrases to start small talk	Phrases to respond
How're you doing today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pretty good (<i>informal</i>), thank you. How're you doing? ▪ Pretty well, thank you. ▪ Doing good (<i>informal</i>). How are you? ▪ Doing well. How are you?
How's it going?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fine/great, thanks. Having a good week. How're you doing?
How's your day going?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Great, thanks for asking. I'm very excited about the interview. And how's your day?
How's your day been so far?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ So far, so good. I've been rather busy lately. And how's your day going?
Weather	
Phrases to start small talk	Phrases to respond
How's the weather over there? What's the weather like in <i>[location]</i> today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Unfortunately), it's raining/snowing. What's the weather like in <i>[location]</i>? ▪ It's stopped raining/snowing, luckily. ▪ It's quite hot today. It's normally much cooler in May.
I hear the weather's been bad in <i>[location]</i> recently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That's right. It's been raining for three days in a row. Does it often rain where you are?
Are you enjoying the weather today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes, I love summer and just hope it lasts a bit longer. How about you?
Weekend	
Phrases to start small talk	Phrases to respond
So, how was your weekend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oh, you know, it was nothing special. I just did some housework and met up with some friends. How was your weekend? ▪ It was a pretty quiet weekend. I can't say that I did anything special. How about your weekend?