

## Phrase bank

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