

## **10 . Talking**

### **1 . Idle chatter**

a pointless talk lacking depth and meaning

- Most of the conversations George overheard were just idle chatter .

### **2 . to exchange pleasantries**

to have a polite small talk

- The two families exchanged pleasantries at the meeting hall and then were led to their rooms .

### **3 . Juicy gossip**

talking about someone in shocking or personal details

- How often do friends share juicy gossip about other friends ?

### **4 . To exchange news**

To share the latest things that happened .

- Clare and Margo were exchanging latest news .

### **5 . Rumors are flying around**

A lot of rumors about something

- Did you hear all those rumors flying around your boss ?

## **6 . To engage someone in conversation**

To strike a conversation with someone

- I know Chloe wanted to engage me in conversation but I just sidled away .

## **7 . To be drawn into an argument**

End up debating with someone which was not your intention at the beginning

- I was drawn into an argument and ended up debating climate change .

## **8 . To win / lose an argument**

To prove / fail to prove your point of view in a debate

- Some friend of mine always wants to win an argument . That can be annoying sometimes.
- I lost the argument because I had little knowledge about the subject .

## **9 . To broach the subject**

Begin a discussion of a difficult topic

- First of all , I need to discuss my future marriage with my family , and yet I found it extremely hard to broach the subject .

## **10 . To overstate your case**

Giving too importance or seriousness to the point of view

- I tried not to overstate my case for leaving the company and just put things as simply as I could .

## **11 . To bombard with questions**

To ask a lot questions

- The kids bombarded my with questions about my travels in Africa.

## **12 . Broad generalization**

a broad statement that applies to a group of people or things . It applies a general truth to everyone or everything in the group .

- Dad didn't listen to my answers - he just started making broad generalizations about the importance of education

## **13 . bad / strong / foul language**

swear words , taboo words

- TV dramas today use much more strong language than they did 40 years ago .

## **14 . Opening gambit**

A remark made in order to start a conversation

- “You’re a teacher , aren’t you ?” was his opening gambit .

## **15 . Rash promise**

a promise made without thinking

- Don’t make rash promises . Think before you agree to anything .

## **16 . Empty promise**

Promises made which the speaker has no intention of keeping .

- She’s full of empty promises . You shouldn’t believe a word she says .