

Table 1. Social small talk topics

Categories	Topics	Examples
Temporal and seasonal	Days of the week, holidays (April Fool's Day, Memorial Day), seasons	"You've got something on your face! [pause] April Fool's!"
Organizational	Spring festival, mid-term and final exams, break	"Do you have any plans for carnival?"
Regional	Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team	"It is baseball season. Do you follow the Pirates?"
Task-oriented	Information or story related to snacks	"Bananas are a really good source of potassium and vitamin B6. Excellent choice."
Other	Joke, local weather	"It is a nice day today. I am glad to see you again and hope you are doing well."