

Lecture (6)

Complete the conversations with the expressions in the box.

Use each expression only once.

✓ I do too.	I can too.	Me too.	Really?
I'm not either.	I don't either.	I can't either.	Me neither.

Donald So, tell me Lee. What do you like to do?

Lee Well, I go to lectures.

Donald I do too. I'm a big fan of history lectures.

Lee me too They're my favorite lectures. I mean, I can listen to them for hours.

Donald I can too Do you read history books also?

Lee No, I don't. I don't have a lot of free time.

Donald Me neither But I want to read more.

Later

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Lee What do you do on the weekends?

I mean, do you eat out a lot?

Donald No. I don't usually go to restaurants.

Lee I don't either I like to eat at home.

Donald Oh, are you a good cook?

Lee Um, not really.

Donald am not either But I like to cook.

Lee Do you ever cook Italian food?

Donald Sure. But I'm allergic to cheese, so I can't eat pizza.

Lee Me neither I'm allergic to cheese, too!

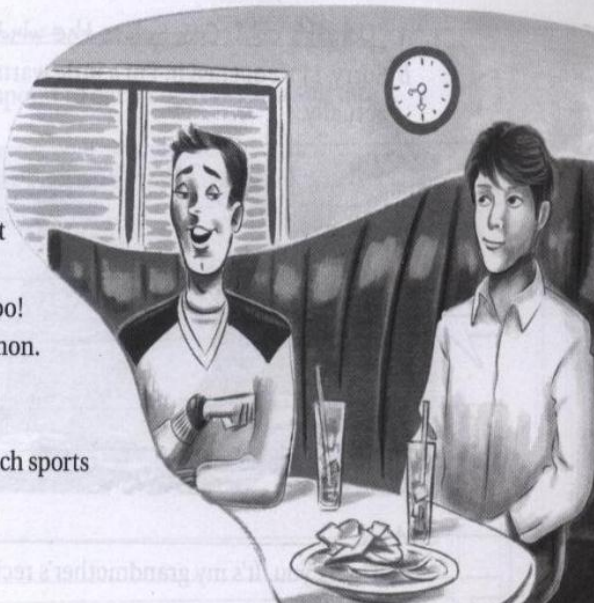
Donald That's amazing! We have a lot in common.

Do you like sports?

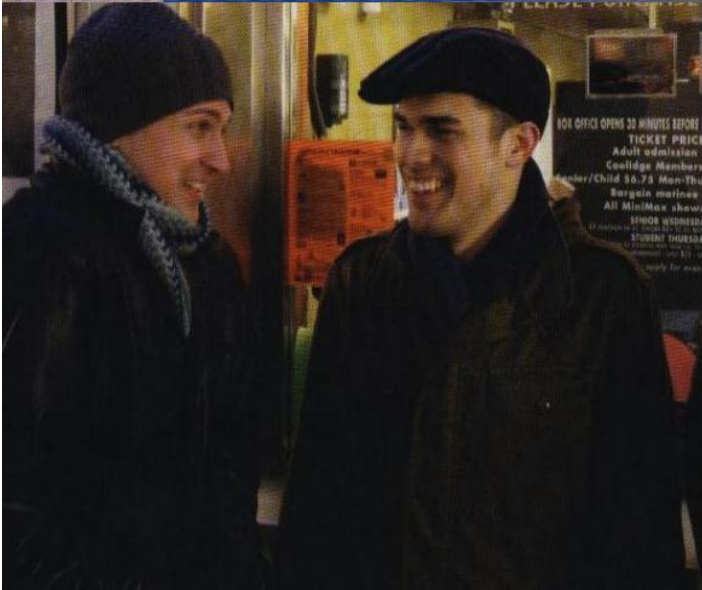
Lee Uh, no, not at all.

Donald really I'm a big sports fan. I watch sports all weekend.

Lee Huh. I can't stand sports.



Lesson C *Do you come here a lot?*



Paulo *Yeah, it is. But actually, I kind of like cold weather.*

Max *You do? Really? . . . Boy, there are a lot of people out here tonight.*

Paulo *Yeah, it gets pretty crowded on weekends.*

Max *Do you come here a lot?*

Paulo *Yeah, I do, actually.*

Max *So are you a big modern art fan?*

Paulo *Yeah, I am. Are you?*

Max *Actually, no, but my brother's a painter.*

Paulo *Oh, really? Cool. . . . By the way, my name's Paulo.*

Think of a Way to Start a Conversation

- 1.) You met someone new at a family party. The food is really good.
This food is delicious!
- 2.) It's a very windy day. You're just arriving at a new class.
It's really windy today. / Is this room B?
- 3.) You're in a long line in a museum. It's a cold day.
It's freezing out here. / This exhibit got a great audience.
- 4.) You're working out at a new gym. The room is very hot.
Do you think this room is too hot?
- 5.) You're in a new English class. You meet someone during the break.
Do you want to get some coffee?
- 6.) You're at the bus stop on a beautiful day. Someone arrives and smiles at you.
How often does this bus come?

Actually

1

You can use **actually** to give new or surprising information.

A: Do you come here a lot?
B: yeah, I do, actually

2

You can also use **actually** to "correct" things people say or think.
A So, you're American?
B Well, actually, I'm from Canada.

Match each conversation starter with a response

1. I like your jacket. d
2. Do you come here by bus? c
3. Is that your newspaper? e
4. Do you like this class? B
5. Do you live around here? f
6. Boy, it's warm in here. a

- a. Actually, I feel a bit cold.
- b. Yeah. I actually look forward to it.
- c. No, I walk, actually. It takes an hour.
- d. Thanks. It's from Peru, actually.
- e. Um . . . actually, no, it's not. Go ahead and take it.
- f. Yes, right around the corner, actually.

Choose the best response for each conversation starters:

1. I don't know anyone here. Do you?

A . Um, actually, I know everybody.

B . Actually, I don't know him.

2. So, are you British?

A . Actually, where are you from?

B . I'm Australian

3. Boy, it's hot today.

A . Actually, I think it's ok.

B . Well, actually, I do

4. I like your jacket. Is it new?

A . Actually, I like them, too.

B . No, it's my friend's, actually.

5. This documentary is really interesting.

A . It's a reality show, actually.

B . Actually, it was my grandfather's.

6. Do you work around here?

A . No, I have a job, actually.

B . Actually, I'm a full-time student.

7. It's a beautiful day. I love warm weather.

A . You do, actually.

B . Actually, I kind of like cold weather

8. The bus is really late today.

A . It's late every day, actually.

B . Actually, it is late.

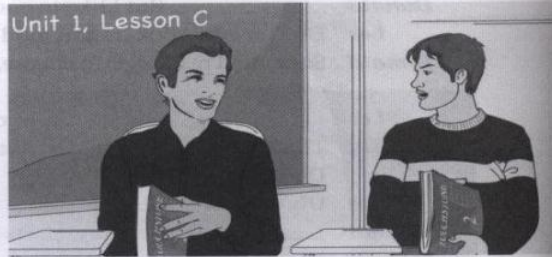
Complete the conversations with the conversation starters in the box.

Is this your first English class here? You look really nice today. That's a beautiful jacket.
 Hey, I don't know you. Do you live around here? Boy, the food is great. And this cake is really wonderful.
 Is it me, or is it kind of noisy in here? ✓Ooh, it's cold. Can I close the window?



1. A Ooh, it's cold. Can I close the window?
 B Sorry, I just opened it. I'm a little warm, actually.

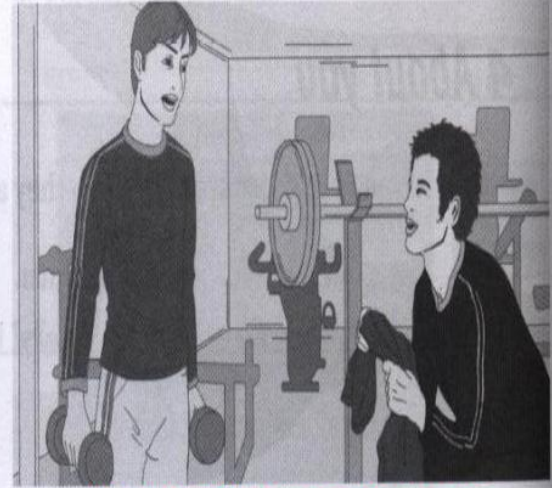
2. A You look really nice today. That's a beautiful jacket.
 B Thanks. Actually, it's from China.



3. A Boy, the food is great. And this cake is really wonderful.
 B Thank you. It's my grandmother's recipe.

4. A Is this your first English class here?
 B Yes, it is. What about you?

Is this your first English class here? You look really nice today. That's a beautiful jacket.
 Hey, I don't know you. Do you live around here? Boy, the food is great. And this cake is really wonderful.
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5. A Is it me, or is it kind of noisy in here?
 B Yeah, it's pretty loud! Is this your first time here?

6. A Hey, I don't know you. Do you live around here?
 B Uh, no, I don't. I'm actually visiting from Guadalajara.

Lesson (D)

Making conversation

How to improve your
conversation skills

Do you like to meet new people? Do you like to talk, or are you shy? Whatever your answers, this guide can help you improve your conversation skills.

1 Have some topics ready to start a conversation.

Say something about the weather or the place you're in. Talk about the weekend – we all have something to say about weekends!

2 Make the conversation interesting. Know about events in the news. Read restaurant and movie reviews. Find out about the current music scene or what's new in fashion or sports.

3 Be a good listener. Keep eye contact and say, "Yes," "Hmm," "Uh-huh," "Right," and

4 Don't be boring. Don't just say, "Yes" or "No" when you answer a question. Give some interesting information, too.

5 Don't talk all the time. Ask, "How about you?" and show you are interested in the other person, too. People love to talk about themselves!

6 Ask information questions. Ask questions like "What do you do in your free time?" or "What kind of food do you like?" Use follow-up questions to keep the conversation going. But don't ask too many questions – it's not an interrogation!

7 Be positive. Negative comments can sound rude. And if you don't want to answer a personal question, simply say, "Oh, I'm not sure I can answer that," or "I'd rather not say."

8 Smile! Everyone loves a smile. Just be relaxed, smile, and be yourself.

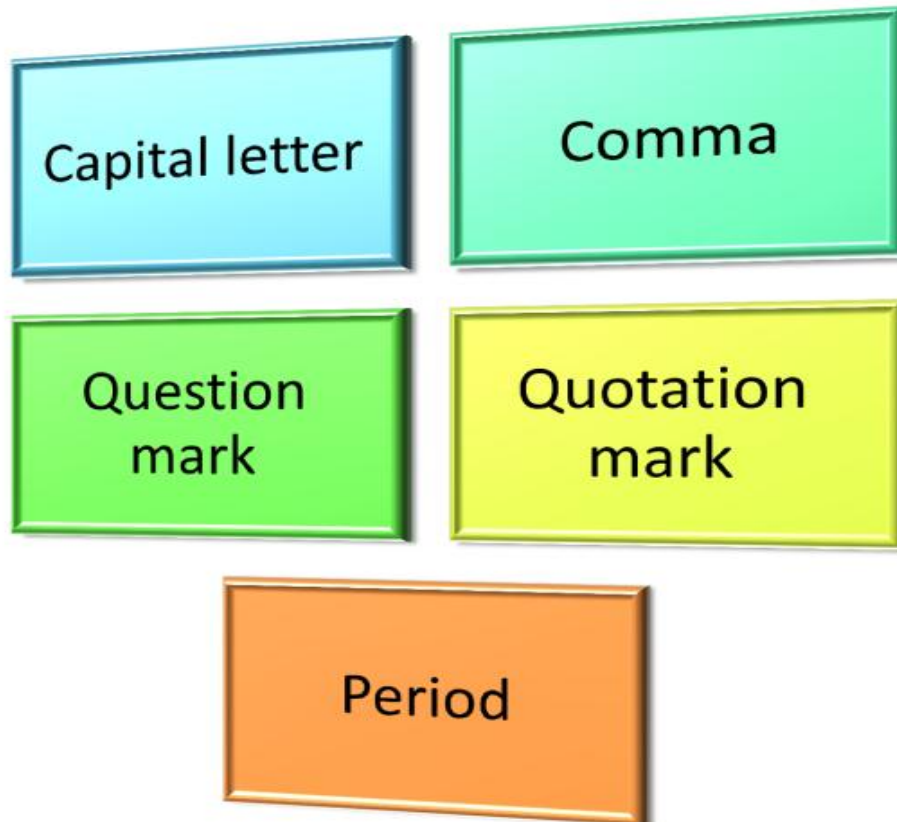
"I know." And say, "Really? That's interesting." It encourages people to talk.

Punctuation

Why do we need punctuation?

- Punctuation allows the authors writing to be easy to read and understandable for the reader.

Types of Punctuation



- **1. Use Capital letter to start a sentence.**
I am a good student.
He was born on August 4th, 1990.
- **2. Use a comma (,) before quotation marks (" ") and lists.**
The teacher says, "study hard to pass the exam".
She has two dogs, three cats, one bird, and five fish in her house.
- **3. Use a period (.) at the end of a statement and a question mark (?) at the end of a question.**
I went to the store for groceries.
Will you come over after school?