



TAITRA  
International Trade Institute

## **Everyday Conversations (Oct-Dec 2023)**

Frequency and duration: 10 x two-hour classes

### **Course Aim**

The aim of the *Everyday Conversations* course is to give students the confidence to speak in English in a wide range of situations.

### **Course Description**

Are you ready to commit to practicing your speaking skills? With practice, you'll be able to speak with your clients and friends, and use English to travel, make friends, or do business.

This course helps students to converse better in English and participate actively in conversations. Students learn how to make effective small talk, use questions to develop conversations, express their opinions and ideas, respond appropriately and end conversations politely. The course also looks at western cultural expectations and teaches language for both formal and informal situations. Focusing on communicative strategies as well as conversation topics, the course prepares students for conversations in real life.

Each session, you will learn new vocabulary, phrases and skills and then have the opportunity to practice them. Throughout the session you will receive feedback on your English and tips on how to improve, and you will get plenty of time to use what you have learned.

### **Course Materials**

The materials for the class are collated by the teacher. These could have come from books, the internet, or from the teacher's imagination. This means that the class can be adapted to the specific needs of the students in terms of content, difficulty, and amount of work created. After materials are presented and used in class, all of the answers will be made available to the students.

## Course Topics

Lesson	Situation
1. Getting acquainted	Get to know someone and identify conversation topics to discuss
2. Engaging in conversations	Engage in interesting conversations and ask for clarification
3. Engaging in small talk	Describe a location to make small talk
4. Comparing and contrasting	Use language to comparing and contrast two things to make informed decisions
5. Starting a new discussion topic	Change the subject naturally
6. Managing a discussion	Emphasize important information and use tag questions
7. Asking for instructions	Use language to ask how something works
8. Giving instructions	Give clear step-by-step instructions using imperative verbs
9. Talking about current events	Listen to the news and paraphrase what you hear
10. Summarizing a story	Summarize a story and provide opinions