

Small Talk

*Sample Conversations for Your
Perfect Date and Successful Meeting*

***Following on from
previous success***



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For this special occasion, <Small Talk> aims for a practical use in social situations. Readers could choose from a list of sample conversations collected from anonymous sources and improvise when they are running out of words. At the same time, the book also arouses its readers' awareness of the surrounding socio-physical setting.

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How did you get here?

I took Uber.

***How was Art Basel?
I heard people are getting
bored of it.***

*Who cares if it sells.
All the works in my booth were
sold out in the first 2 hours.*

***Nice watch.
Where did you get it?***

*I bought it from Knut Weniger.
It's a small shop but the owner
has great taste.*

***When is the most inspring
time of day?***

*Shower time or toilet time.
I am sure you have heard of an
artwork made in 1961 by Piero
Manzoni titled <Artist's Shit>.*

Westworld or Dark

What about Netflix and Chill?

***Do you believe in expiry
date?***

Is it different from 'best before'?

***Suddenly I want to eat
ramen.***

*Let's take the 9 a.m. flight
tomorrow. I know a hidden gem
in Sapporo.*

prêt à manger
not Pret A Manger

*It means ready to eat, I know
this French word. It is so me. I
am always ready to eat.*

***I want to be a painter.
What should I do?***

***Yes, I have 30 minutes
before going to bed every
day and 2 hours on the
weekend.***

Do you have a lot of time?

I see, forget it.

***This time it's on me.
I want to thank you
for your gift.***

Why?!

*Okay, I will get the drinks.
Let's move to the next place.*

<i>Artist</i>	<i>Collector</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>Painting</i>
<i>Identity</i>	<i>Job</i>
<i>Cooking</i>	<i>Art Basel</i>
<i>Cities</i>	<i>Music Video</i>
<i>Inspiration</i>	<i>Motto</i>
<i>Parties</i>	<i>Languages</i>
<i>Food</i>	<i>Film</i>
<i>Song</i>	<i>Netflix</i>
<i>Money</i>	<i>Chill</i>
<i>Expiry Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Marriage</i>	<i>Botox</i>
<i>Four Seasons</i>	<i>Colonization</i>
<i>Fine Dining</i>	<i>Club</i>
<i>Bread</i>	<i>Bill</i>
<i>Global Warming</i>	<i>Horse</i>