

Pronunciation lesson



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so that you can:

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What is a conversation?

Read the descriptions of a conversation below and discuss the questions with your partner.

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3. Choose a name for each conversation and write them in the boxes below.
Did your classmates have similar names?

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In my family a conversation is like a battle. Everyone is fighting to share their ideas. Usually, the loudest person wins.

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1. What do you do in your language when you're not sure what someone said?

2. Do you do the same in English?

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Whenever someone is making a point, we have an opportunity to focus on confident public speaking. Which words will the speakers stress? Where will they pause? How does this help their audience follow them? If you have these conversations a little and often, your learners will soon develop their confidence speaking in front of others.