

## Openers

I notice very often that people taking English courses didn't realise that you have to practice in the real world. People used to spend all week speaking their native language and then expect that their English would just somehow happen.

When you were young you constantly practiced your language skills, however you thought that English would happen without practice. Wrong.

Speaking your own language was comfortable and familiar and speaking English is going to be as well. My solution is to get you speaking to more English people and other people that speak the language fluently. If you, want to learn, learn from the best.

So, here is a list of Openers. An Opener is a conversation starter so that you can start a conversation with anybody. You can have conversations at the bus stop, train station, in the street and everywhere you go and have lots of opportunities to speak the English you learn in the lessons.

I recommend for an opener that you get the Person's Attention by:

Touching them lightly on the arm  
Saying "Hey" or "Excuse me" or "Hi" (something like this)

Then give yourself a Time Constraint like:  
"I've just got a second" or "I have to get back to my friends" or "quick opinion/question"

The thing with these 2 is that getting someone's attention means they are looking at and listening to you. Which is helpful. The time constraint is because when most people are approached they wonder How long is this person going to speak to me? So, you tell them that you can only stay for a second and they Relax, and want to talk to you.

### Some Openers to Use

People love to talk about the weather so you can say anything about this:  
"Do you know when the sun is coming out?" "Hasn't the weather been rubbish recently?"  
"When's this rain going to stop?" "What a beautiful day, isn't it"

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