

# Listen Well ③

Pretend you are having a conversation with each person in these pictures. Check the box below each person who is doing a good job listening to you.



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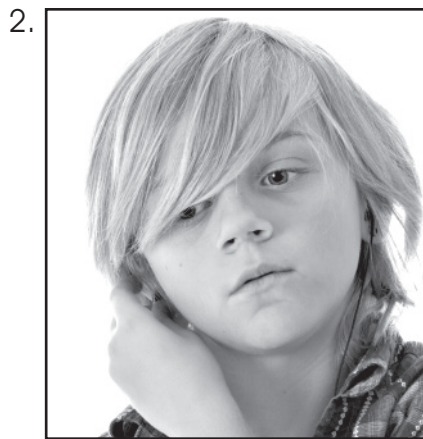


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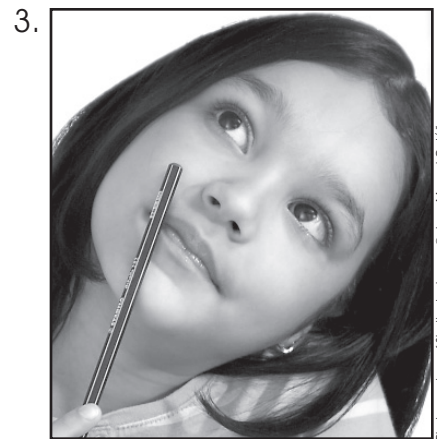


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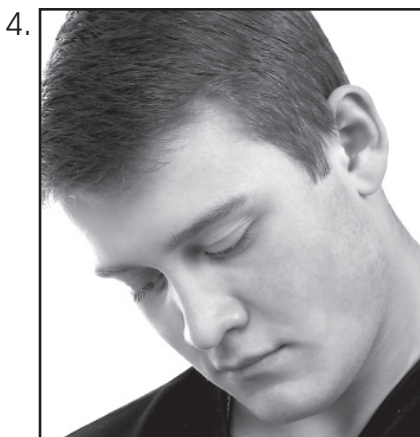


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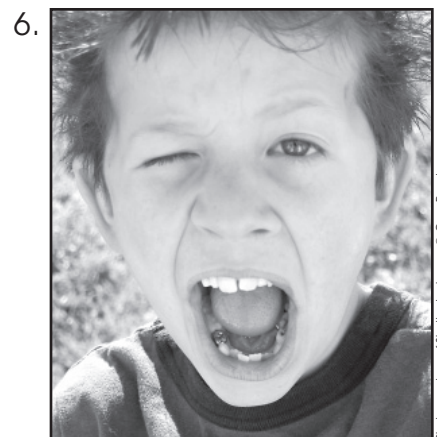


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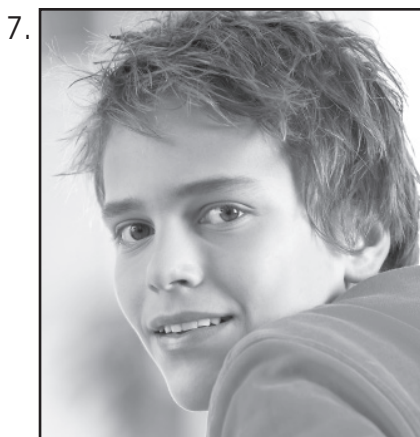


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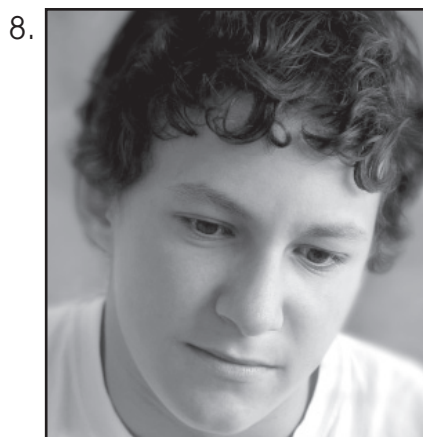


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## Choose an Interesting Topic 2

Choose a topic that your partner will want to talk about. Don't choose a topic that is interesting to you, but not to your partner.

Read about each person below. Then circle the topics you could talk about in a conversation with each person.



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1. Lisa has three older sisters and two younger brothers. She has a cat. Lisa loves all kinds of music. She wants to be a singer when she grows up. Circle good topics for conversations with Lisa.
  - a. training a goldfish
  - b. taking singing lessons
  - c. favorite singers
  - d. having a large family
  - e. having a cat for a pet
  - f. science facts

2. Chad's older brother, Tom, joined the Army. He will go overseas after his training. Chad hopes to play on a professional baseball team when he grows up. Circle good topics for conversations with Chad.

- a. having a much older brother
- b. new baseball uniforms
- c. how Chad feels without Tom at home
- d. your math grades
- e. a baseball team



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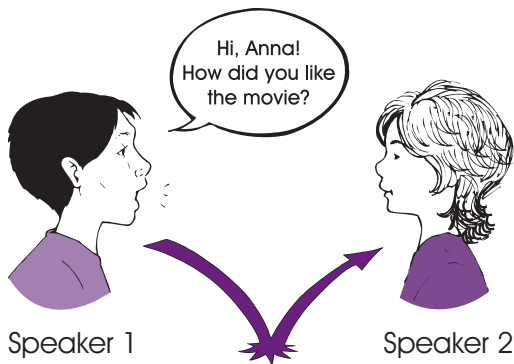
3. Jody reads all kinds of books. After school, she walks her dog and helps take care of her little brother. Jody takes gymnastic lessons and she enjoys computer games. Circle good topics for conversations with Jody.

- a. a computer game
- b. having a younger brother
- c. a book you just read
- d. reptiles
- e. stretching exercises
- f. facts about stars



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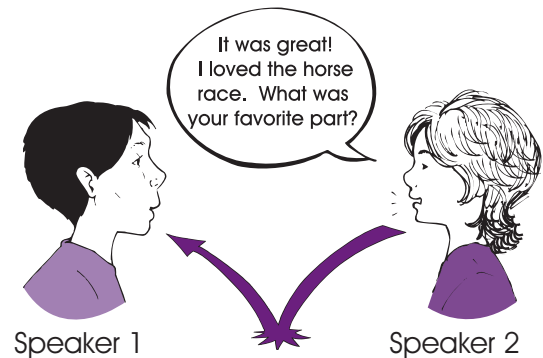
# Bounce Backs 1



When Speaker 1 finishes talking in a conversation, the talking turn bounces to Speaker 2.

Speaker 2 makes a comment about what Speaker 1 just said. That's called a **bounce back** because Speaker 2 bounces the talking turn back to Speaker 1.

Pretend a friend starts each conversation with you. Tell what you could say to bounce the talking back to your friend.



1. Hi! I got a new game for my birthday. It's really cool!

bounce back

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2. Hey there! What are you going to do this weekend?

bounce back

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3. Hi! I was just thinking about your trip. It must've been fun.

bounce back

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4. Hi there! We just have one more rehearsal before our show.

bounce back

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# Ask Questions 1

Here are three good reasons to ask questions in a conversation:

1. To make sure you understand what someone said
2. To show that you are interested in what someone said
3. To find out if your listener understands what you said



Write a + before each good question.

Write a - before each bad question.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Carla: "I didn't like what she said about me."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dee: "What did she say?"
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jack: "Then the game was almost over."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Derick: "What time is it?"
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Leah: "The Jacksons just got a new hybrid."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Neal: "What kind of a hybrid?"
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Rose: "Tell me how you made your card."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Anna: "I used a light box. Do you know what a light box is?"
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Ray: "I had a great time playing miniature golf."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trey: "Was that the first time you played there?"
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik: "He's my new neighbor."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ted: "Do you want to play my new game?"
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Kelly: "I only have one left."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trish: "One what?"
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Marty: "I'll show you my new shadow box."  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brett: "What is a shadow box?"