

Speaking Well 2

Each action below is something you should NOT do as the speaker in a conversation.

Rewrite each statement to say what you SHOULD do.

1. Look beyond your list to see if what you are talking about is important to the other person.

2. Keep your head down and talk to your feet.

Choosing an Interesting Topic

People like to talk about what interests them. Follow these steps to choose a topic for your conversation.

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1. Kim

Things I could talk about with Kim:

conversation

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Pretend you want to have a conversation with each person below. Think about their interests. Figure out what you have in common. Then write one or two things you

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Starting Conversations

Here are some simple rules about starting a conversation with someone.

Observe whether the person is busy or is available for a conversation.

- Face the person and get eye contact. If the person looks away, it's a sign that they are not interested.

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Write or tell a good way to start a conversation with each person below. Pretend each person is a friend of yours.

1. Kim is a Harry Potter fan. What could you say to Kim?

2. Tina is excited about her dance recital next week. What could you say to Tina?

3. Joel was recently in a minor car accident. What could you say to Joel?

4. Lee just moved to a new home. What could you say to Lee?

5. Daryl is taking driver's ed. What could you say to Daryl?

6. Ann takes Spanish and enjoys it very much. What could you say to Ann?

7. Trey made the football team in tryouts. What could you say to Trey?

8. Zoe enjoys making jewelry. What could you say to Zoe?