

Conversation tips

The 'Talk' section at the centre of the **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** is full of tips on how to speak naturally in different situations. Go to the section called 'Speaking naturally' (centre pages 47-57) in the Extra Help pages.

A. Use the 'Speaking naturally 1: language for different situations' section in the Extra Help pages (centre pages 47-50) to help you fill in the gaps in the following mini-dialogues.

- A: Hi, how are things?
B: _____ good today.
- A: Is it _____ if I open the door?
B: Sure. _____.
- A: _____ I have a coffee, please?
B: _____ yourself!
- A: _____ you something to eat?
B: No, thanks. _____.
- A: Thank you so much for all your help.
B: It was _____.
- A: Thank you for this beautiful necklace!
B: I'm _____ you _____ it.
- A: Are you going to the cinema this evening?
B: I'm _____ I _____ make it this evening.
- A: Would you like some _____ with your shopping bags?
B: It's _____ right, thanks. I can _____.

B. Match the beginning of the dialogue on the left with one of the responses on the right. Use the 'Speaking naturally 2: conversation exercises' sections in the Extra Help pages (centre pages 51-57) to help you.

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| 1. Hello, can I speak to Mike please? | Yes, that would be lovely. |
| 2. Would you like to join us for lunch? | I'm afraid he's not here at the moment. |
| 3. I'm sorry I forgot to call you last night. | Yes, a green salad please. |
| 4. Are you ready to order? | Oh don't worry about it. It doesn't matter. |
| 5. Any side dishes with your meal? | Not at all. It's been a pleasure. |
| 6. Thank you so much for having us. | Not too bad, thanks, and you? |
| 7. Hi Leona, how are you? | Thank you – that's very kind. |
| 8. I'm so pleased you got the job. | Yes, I think so. |

