

**The English Game: Watch the brave competitors as they take on the challenges of The English Game. Which player do you think will be the winner?**

## In the waiting room

In this video, Ana from Brazil and Dev from India are waiting to see the doctor. They want to practise their English with native speakers.

Which of these topics do you think would be good to break the ice?

- health      • marriage
- money      • holidays
- shopping   • football



Ana and Dev making small talk in the doctor's surgery.

## Vocabulary

### to sprain your ankle

to hurt but not break the part of your body that connects your leg and foot

### a surgery

the place you go to be seen by a doctor

### small talk

polite conversations about ordinary topics

### to break the ice

to say something to make a person feel more relaxed, especially when meeting for the first time

### tricky

something that is difficult

### to pass away

to die; we often say this because we don't want to use the word 'die'

### to be on safe ground

to be talking about a neutral topic that will not make someone angry

### angina

a pain in the chest caused by too little blood going to the heart

## True or false?

Read the statements about the video and decide if they are true or false.

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| 1. Both players have broken their legs.                       | TRUE / FALSE |
| 2. Rob thinks the players should speak about personal topics. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 3. Ana tries some small talk first.                           | TRUE / FALSE |
| 4. Doris is happy to talk about her health.                   | TRUE / FALSE |
| 5. Her husband moved to another city.                         | TRUE / FALSE |
| 6. Doris likes football.                                      | TRUE / FALSE |
| 7. Doris likes Brazil.                                        | TRUE / FALSE |
| 8. Doris is going on holiday to Brazil.                       | TRUE / FALSE |

## Making small talk

Look at the questions. Who asked them and were they good questions? Why/why not?

	Dev from India	Ana from Brazil
1. What's your name?		
2. What is wrong with you?		
3. Are you married?		
4. Do you like football?		
5. Have you ever been to Brazil?		

## Speaking: Role-play

Practise some small talk with your teammate. Select a topic and use the questions and answers below. When you've finished, try to make the conversation longer and try to think of some other topics.

Topic	Question	Answer
Football	Did you watch the match last night?	Yes, it was great! A 3-3 draw. I was so happy when United scored in the last minute! Are you a United fan?
Weather	It's a bit cold this morning, isn't it?	Yes, the weather forecast said it might snow this weekend. Does it snow often here?

True or false: 1- false, 2 - false, 3 - true, 4 - false, 5 - false, 6 - false, 7 - true, 8 - false

## Answers