Not Only Do I Hate Small Talk

English · C1

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The grammar · Idioms about talking

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

So let's not beat around the bush:

2 · LEARN IT

small talk	polite chat about nothing	**beat around the bush**	avoid saying it directly
cut to the chase	get to the point	**talk the talk**	sound like you belong
read the room	feel the mood of the people	**bite your tongue**	stop yourself from saying it
the gift of gab	a talent for chatting		

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of idioms about talking. One line has none.

1. Not only do I hate small talk,
2. Spare me the formalities, I'm begging you, skip to the good part,
3. but nobody prints that on a name tag, do they?

2 · Lyric Scramble

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Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] Rented tux, a name tag and a plate of tiny salmon bites,
- [ ] a polite little interrogation dressed up as interest:
- [ ] I'm the best man, so apparently I'm on duty at table nine.
- [ ] So, what do you do? Here we go again.
- [ ] Every stranger here has the same opening line,

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 7

For parents: scan to play the song at home. The app is free to try.

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English · C1 · Grammar: Idioms about talking · 7 points

Grammar · Find it (2)

1 talk 2 spare 3 none

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

Rented tux, a name tag and a plate of tiny salmon bites, 2 · a polite little interrogation dressed up as interest: 5 · I'm the best man, so apparently I'm on duty at table nine. 3 · So, what do you do? Here we go again. 1 · Every stranger here has the same opening line, 4

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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