Key Idea 1: Who is Your Talking Partner?

TALKING PARTNER

Every conversation includes you and someone you are talking to.

This person is your talking partner.

You are at a park and you see your friend Kian, who you haven't seen in two years.

Who is your talking partner?

Kian

My mom

You want to check the weather on your dad's phone, but he is in a hurry.

Who is your talking partner?

My mom

My dad

You and your cousin Marie have 2 hours to wait to catch a plane.

Who is your talking partner?

Marie

The pilot

You are at the animal shelter and you want to know if there are any dogs for adoption.

Who is your talking partner?

The dogs

The shelter worker

You are at the gift-wrapping station at the mall to get a gift wrapped.

Who is your talking partner?

You are at the school library and you want to return an overdue book and pay the fine.

Who is your talking partner?

You are late for school and you need to explain why you are late to the school secretary.

Who is your talking partner?

Your brother is playing on the iPad, but you want a turn.

Who is your talking partner?

Key Idea 2: What is Your Conversation Goal?

CONVERSATION GOAL

Your conversation goal is the reason why you are having a conversation.

You and your friend Jake have just finished karate class and now you are walking home together.

What is your conversation goal?

To argue

To talk with Jake about things we are interested in

While you are walking to school, your friend Tim rides by on a bike. You call out and say, "Hi!"

What is your conversation goal?

To have a long talk with Tim

To be friendly to Tim

You are very early for art class, so you are talking to your instructor.

What is your conversation goal?

To talk about things my instructor is interested in

To learn something about science.

You are at a restaurant and the waiter gave you the wrong meal. You call him back.

What is your conversation goal?

To learn about what the waiter is interested in

To get the meal I ordered

It is the first day of summer camp and you have 10 minutes to get to know the boy sitting next to you.

What is your conversation goal?

You notice your friend Lily in the checkout line at the supermarket. You are in a hurry to get milk.

What is your conversation goal?

You and your family attend a big family reunion.

What is your conversation goal?

You are on the bus to the city center and you need to ask the driver which stop to get off at.

What is your conversation goal?

Key Idea 3:

What is Your Partner's Conversation Goal?

YOUR PARTNER'S CONVERSATION GOAL

Your talking partner might have a different conversation goal than you.

You and your friends are on your way to a concert and you see your uncle who is working at the concert.

What is your uncle's goal?

To say 'Hi' but to keep working.

To spend an hour chatting with you.

While you are waiting at the vet, the lady next to you asks about your cat.

What is the lady's goal?

To pass time while she is waiting

To learn about your cat for a test

You and your friend Keshia are playing basketball and talking in the back yard

What is Keshia's conversation goal?

To talk about things that interest us both

To talk only about her interests

You need to ask a sales assistant the price of a pen you want to buy.

What is the sales assistant's goal?

To help me make a purchase.

To learn things about me.

You come into the library and an old lady asks you if it is raining outside.

What is the old lady's goal?

You are in the electronic shop to return some headphones you bought a few days ago.

What is the sales assistant's goal?

At the Pancake House you ask the waiter to refill your bottomless iced tea.

What is the waiter's goal?

Your teacher Ms Jackson is getting on the bus just as you are getting off. She says, "Hi."

What is Ms Jackson's goal?

Conversation Planner Review 1

You and your friend are at a Korean restaurant. You have just finished ordering.

Who is your talking partner?
What is your conversation goal?
What is your talking partner's goal?