

# How to make friends?

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When it comes to making new friends, sometimes you are really confused on how to go about it. One of the main reasons could be your shy nature or your lack of confidence to make a first impression. For starting any type of conversation, you must be confident enough to [speak in English](#). Confidence is the first key for communication. Start socializing, this will help you in taking your first step whether you are familiar with the individual or not.

## 5 Tips To Start Communication

If you haven't been socializing much, meeting a whole bunch of new people may scare you. If that's the case, start small first. You can start with your inner circle of friends.



### 1. Start with small groups

As discussed earlier, start off with people you are more familiar with. If you have any hi-bye type friends, then drop a friendly SMS and say hi. Ask for a meet-up when they are free. See if there are opportunities to reconnect. You can join them in their outings. If you are comfortable with your friends, there's a good chance you will be comfortable with their friends too.

### 2. Extend your circle

Once you acquaint yourself more with your inner circle of friends, the next step will be to extend it outward to people you don't know. The best way is to join social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter and Google+. There are many groups, which are formed on the common interests of the people. Pick out your interests and join those groups. Online groups are a great way to meet a lot of new people quickly and learn more about the people you meet.



### **3. Start a conversation**

When you meet new people, be the ice breaker and take the first step to say a friendly hello. Use your [English communication skills](#) and start a conversation. Get to know each other a little better! You can share something about yourself, then give a chance to another person to share about him/her. Something easy, like asking how the day is, or what they did today/in the past week is a great conversation starter.

### **4. Introduce yourself**

Sometimes conversation becomes so interesting that people forget to introduce themselves. Remember, it can be as simple as saying, "Oh, by the way, my name is..." Once you introduce yourself, the other person will do the same. Don't forget to connect things from your past conversation with the person. Not only will you look intelligent, but he or she will see that you were paying attention and are willing to be a true friend.



### **5. Be a good listener**

Listen carefully to what he/she says; remember important details about them, like their likes and dislikes. Don't be a person who changes the subject; instead, continue to add to the flow of conversation. Being a good listener is the first important tool in communication skills.

With the help of these tips, you can surely make friends in a convincing manner. Not to forget, along with these tips, you will also require using your English fluency to start your conversation. Join an [online spoken English](#) class to improve your communication skills and make new friends who have similar interest as you.

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