

Getting Acquainted



(1) Conversation

We look at the things you can say to someone you've just met.

WAITER: Another drink, sir?

OWEN: No, thank you.

HOLLY: Excuse me, is anyone sitting here?

OWEN: No, please have a seat.

HOLLY: That's better, my feet are killing me!

OWEN: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.

Have you been here long?

HOLLY: No, but I just flew in this morning, and I haven't had a chance to sit down since then.

OWEN: Oh, where have you come from?

HOLLY: From Beijing.

OWEN: Is this your first visit to Australia?

HOLLY: No, I have been here once before, but it was a long time ago.

OWEN: Have you been to Sydney?

HOLLY: No, but I hear it's an amazing city.

OWEN: Yes, it certainly is.
But you're lucky to live in Beijing.
It's a fascinating city.

HOLLY: What about you? Do you live in Sydney?

OWEN: No, I live in Brisbane.
I'm just here for a conference.

HOLLY: Oh, I'm going to Brisbane later.
What's the weather like there?

OWEN: Not too good in winter, but the weather now
should be okay.
So, how's the hotel you're staying at?

HOLLY: It's good. Very convenient - just near the
harbour.

OWEN: Have you seen the Opera House yet?

HOLLY: Yes, we flew right over it!

OWEN: You should go visit it. Excuse me, there's
someone I must talk to. (stands) It's been a
pleasure to meet you. I'm Owen by the way.

HOLLY: It's nice to meet you too.
I'm Holly. Perhaps we'll meet again later.

OWEN: I'd like that.

(2) Activity 1

Roleplay

Case A~ at a social gathering: introduce yourself and your company to a prospect client then build up the conversation

Case B~ at train station: you came across a client and make an invitation to have a cup of coffee with you and follow up your business proposal.

(3) Activity 2

Grammar focus: Present perfect

Unspecified Time Before Now



We use the Present Perfect to say that an action happened at an unspecified time before now.

The exact time is not important.

You CANNOT use the Present Perfect with specific time expressions such as: yesterday, one year ago, last week, when I was a child, when I lived in Japan, at that moment, that day, one day, etc.

We CAN use the Present Perfect with unspecific expressions such as: ever, never, once, many times, several times, before, so far, already, yet, etc.