

50 natural English Tips

4. "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"



natural English talking about your background

Originally /ə'ri:dʒɪnəli:/ I'm from ...
 I was (born and) brought up in ...
 I come from a (sporty/ musical) family.
 My proudest /'praʊdɪst/ moment was ... -ing
 I've always dreamt /dremt/ of -ing/ wanted to + verb



natural English describing your language ability

I'm fluent in Polish.
 I speak Spanish reasonably well.
 I can get by in Portuguese.
 I speak French, but it's a bit rusty /'rʌstɪ/.
 I know a few words of Japanese.
 I wish I could speak Italian.



natural English (do something) together

/tə'geðə/

My sister and I live **together**. (= in the same house)
 My brother and father work **together**. (= do the same job OR work in the same place)
 Can we have lunch **together** on Saturday? (= you and me)



natural English like, such as, and that sort of thing

I like music **such as** opera, choral music, and classical music.
 I really love modern music **like** © house, rap, reggae, and hip hop.

After one or two examples, we can use an expression meaning 'et cetera'.

I'm fond of opera, **and that sort of thing** ©
 I like jazz, rock, **and that sort of thing**



natural English showing a lot of interest

- a Wow! /wao/
- b Really?
- c (That's) interesting! /'ɪntrəstɪŋ/
- d (That's) fantastic! /fæn'tæstɪk/



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What's the context?

Look through the *natural English* boxes above. Find *natural English* phrases that you could use in each of the following contexts:

- at a job interview
- at a party
- on holiday
- at work
- at school

Example: at a job interview – **My proudest moment was...**



Study the *natural English* phrases

What's wrong with these natural English phrases? Correct the grammar error in each sentence.

Example: ~~My father and brother together work.~~
My father and brother work together.

- I love music from the 60's like as The Beatles.
- That's really?
- I've always dreamt of write a book.
- I know a few words in German.
- I'm coming from a big family.
- I'm fluent at Korean.
- I like skiing, snowboarding, and that sort.
- I've always wanted run my own company.
- Can we have together lunch some time?
- I was brought up and born in India.
- I can get by on Spanish.
- My proudest moment was won a writing competition at school.
- I speak Japanese, but it's a bit rusting.
- I wish I can speak Turkish.



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Activate the *natural English* phrases

Write 10 sentences about yourself, some true, some not true. Try to use different *natural English* phrases from each of the first four *natural English* boxes in this email.

Write about your background, your family, your language ability and your likes and dislikes.

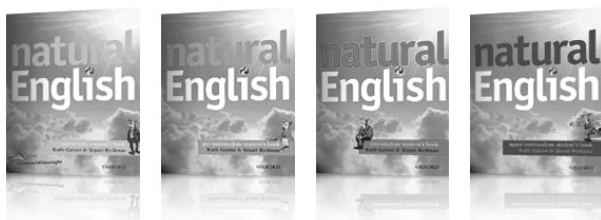
Example

I come from a musical family. (False – my family isn't really musical)

I speak French reasonably well. (True – my French is good)

Work with a partner. Read out your sentences to each other. Can your partner tell which sentences are true and false?

Try to show interest in what your partner tells you, using the natural English phrases in box 5 (showing a lot of interest).



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