

50 natural English Tips

1. "MEETING NEW PEOPLE"



natural English introductions and responses

(Max), **this is** (Annie).

Do you know (Annie)?

Hi, I'm (Max).

I'm really sorry, I don't remember your name.

I've forgotten your name.

We already know each other.

We've met before, haven't we?

Nice to meet you.

Nice to see you.



natural English use of long

You can use the present perfect with *long* in questions.

Have you lived here **long**? (= a long time) Yes, ten years.

Have you studied here **long**? No, I started last month.

Have you had your shoes **long**? I can't remember.



natural English How about you?

You don't need to repeat questions in conversation. You can use *How about you?* or *And you?*

A Have you got any brothers and sisters?

B One sister. **How about you?** (**And you?**)

A I'm an only child.



natural English me too / me neither

If something is also true for you, answer *me too* or *me neither*.

positive

negative

A I often go to the beach.

A I never play cards.

B Yes, **me too**.

B No, **me neither**.

But if something isn't true for you:

A I often go to the beach.

A I never play cards.

B Really? I don't.

B Really? I do.



natural English fancy (v)

Fancy is common in informal English to mean *would like* or *want*.

Do you fancy a drink?

I don't fancy (the idea of) camping.

Do you fancy going out this evening?

I don't fancy that much.



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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 party
- in class
- on holiday
- at work

Example: in class: **I've forgotten your name.**



Study the *natural English* phrases

Choose a suitable response from B for each question or statement in A.

Example: I really like this kind of music: **Yes, me too.**

A

1. Have you studied here long?
2. I never go clubbing.
3. I'm really sorry, I don't remember your name.
4. I really like this kind of music.
5. Do you know Susanna?
6. I'm single. How about you?
7. Do you fancy a coffee?
8. We've met before, haven't we?
9. I love this hot weather.

B

- a. It's Simon.
- b. Yes, me too.
- c. I'm married.
- d. Yes, on the plane.
- e. Hello. Nice to meet you.
- f. Yes, about 18 months.
- g. Really? I don't.
- h. No, me neither.
- i. Good idea!



Activate the *natural English* phrases

Role play 'Office party'

You work for SmartPhones. You are at the SmartPhones office party, and you are meeting lots of people who work for the same company.

- 1** First prepare your character for the role play. Choose the answers to the following questions to build your character profile.

Example:

Your name is...	Peter
You work...	at reception / in the sales department / <u>in the accounts department / in the research and design department / in the canteen</u>

Your name is...	
You work...	at reception / in the sales department / in the accounts department / in the research and design department / in the canteen
You forget people's names...	often / sometimes / never
You've worked at SmartPhones for...	six years / three years / about a year
You've been at the party for...	two hours / half an hour / a few minutes
You are...	married / separated / single
You've got...	two children / one child / no children
You like... (choose 3)	swimming / playing computer games / dancing / tennis / golf / painting / reading / working at SmartPhones
You don't like... (choose 3)	swimming / playing computer games / dancing / tennis / golf / painting / reading / working at SmartPhones
After the party you fancy...	going for a coffee / going dancing / going for a midnight swim

- 2** Now prepare some questions that you would like to ask other people at the party, based on the information in the table.

Example: Are you married? Have you been here long?

3 Role play

Have conversations with at least three other people at the party. Use your character profile, the questions you've prepared... and lots of natural English phrases!

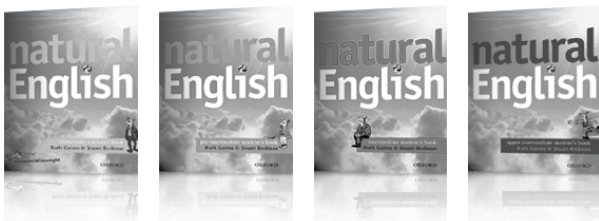
Example:

A: **We've met before, haven't we?**

B: **Yes, I'm Andrea.** I work in the sales department.

A: **Oh yes, nice to meet you** again. **I'm Sam.** **Do you know** Anton?

B: **Hi Anton.** **Have you worked here long?**



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