

# Conversation Phrases

## Beginning:

Hi! What's up?  
Not much.  
How are you? / How's it going? / How's life?  
Great.  
Not bad.  
I'm ok.  
Fine.  
  
Guess what.  
What?

## Middle:

### Short answer questions:

Have you heard about the protests in Hong Kong?  
Do you like ice cream?  
Where are you from?

### Long answer questions:

What do you think about the protests in Hong Kong?  
What brought you to Japan?  
What is it like in your home town?  
What do you do?

### Supportive responses:

Cool!  
That's good.  
Oh, did (were) you?  
Really?  
Sounds great.  
That's too bad.

## End:

It's been nice talking with you.  
It was nice meeting you.  
I'm sorry, I have to go now.  
  
I'll give you a call.  
We should do lunch sometime.  
  
See you.  
Take care.  
Bye.

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### Checking for understanding:

Do you understand?  
Are you following me? / Do you follow?  
You know?

I don't get it.  
I don't follow.

Pardon?  
Excuse me?  
What did you say?  
Sorry?  
Come again?

Can you speak more slowly?  
Could you say that again?

### Example:

**Keiko:** Hey! What a surprise to see you here!

**Ichiro:** Yeah! Long time no see! How've you been?

**Keiko:** Fine. How about you?

**Ichiro:** Just plugging along.

**Keiko:** Hey, guess what!

**Ichiro:** What?

**Keiko:** I got a new job!

**Ichiro:** Really? Congratulations! What do you do?

**Keiko:** I'm a manager at a bank.

**Ichiro:** How do you like it?

**Keiko:** It's challenging but I really enjoy the people I work with.

**Ichiro:** Listen, I gotta go. It was nice seeing you again.

**Keiko:** Nice seeing you, too. Let's get together sometime.

**Ichiro:** Yes, let's do that. Nice talking to you. Take care.

**Keiko:** Bye