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Mics Off The Date Martin Couldn't Stop Thinking About

Key words & expressions · English + ■■■■■

Your English Toolbox

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to hit it off

ندرک کیلک مه اب یروف ندم آرانک مه اب لوا زا

DEF

to immediately like each other and get along well from the very first meeting

Hit it off captures the instant chemistry of a great first encounter — there is no effort, no awkwardness, just an immediate connection. Common in dating, friendship, and professional contexts. Very natural in spoken English.

ندم آرانک مه اب بوخ و ندش دنمهقالع مه هب تاقالم نیلوا نامه زا
ین آطابترا کی طقف، یراجنهان نودب، شالت نودب، دریگلم اریلواع دروخرب نیلوا کی یروف یمیش

They hit it off immediately — by the end of the first coffee they were already planning a second meeting.

یمود هسلج دنتشاد هوهق نیلوانایاپ ات دندم آرانک مه اب لوا زا .

دندرکلم یزیراهمانرب

She and her new English conversation partner hit it off so well that they still speak every week two years later.

ود هک دندرک کیلک یروف بوخ ردقن آشایسیلیگنا دیدج هملاکم کیرش اب .

دندرکلم تبحص هتفه ره زونه دعبلاس

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to keep someone in mind

ندرکن شومارف اریسک ننتشاد هگن نهذرد اریسک

DEF

to remember someone and think about them, usually with the intention of contacting them or involving them in something later

Keep someone in mind is warmer than 'remember someone' — it suggests you are holding them in a positive mental space, often as a potential future connection. Very common in professional and romantic English contexts.

رتدعب یزیچ ردشندرک ریگرد ای و اب سامت دصق اب اولومعم، نندرک رکف واهب و ندروآ دای هب اریسک
یرادلم هگن تبثم ینهذ یاضف کی رد ار اهان آدهلم ناشن تسا ندروآ دای هب اریسک زارتامرگ

He kept her in mind for weeks after their first meeting — he couldn't stop thinking about the conversation.

نیلوا زا دعبلاهتفه یارب .

ت.شاد هگن نهذرد اروا ناشتاقالم

She kept her English teacher in mind long after the course ended and reached out again three years later.

دعبلاس هس و درکن شومارف اریسایسیلیگنا ملعم هرود مامتازا دعبلخی .

ت.فرگ سامت هرابود

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to strike up a conversation

ندرک عورش ار تبحص دیسانشلی من هک یسک اب ندرک هملاکم زاغآ

DEF

to start talking to someone you do not know — to initiate friendly social contact

Strike up a conversation is the social initiative verb. Many English learners find this difficult because it requires confidence in the language and cultural awareness of when it is appropriate. In English-speaking contexts (particularly the UK and Australia), there are specific situations where striking up a conversation with a stranger is normal: waiting in queues, on trains, at events.

هناتسود یعامتجا سامت زاغآ ندرک عورش ار تبحص دیسانشلی من هک یسک اب

یعامتجا راکتبا لعف

Striking up a conversation with a stranger in English is easier than you think — start with an observation.

تسا دین کلیم رکف هچنآ زارتاناسا یسیلگنا هب هبیرغ کی اب هملاکم زاغآ .

دینک عورش هدهاشم کی اب

She struck up a conversation with her seatmate on the train and they ended up talking for the entire journey.

تبحص ار ریس مامت تیاهن رد و درک زاغآ یاهملاکم راطق رد شیلدنص هارمه اب .

دندرک

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to make small talk

نتشاد تیماه ایب تاعوضوم هرابرد کبس و میسرریغ هملاکم ندرک کچوک یاهت تبحص

DEF

to engage in casual, light conversation about unimportant topics — typically to build social comfort before more meaningful exchange

Make small talk is the social lubricant skill. In English-speaking cultures, small talk is expected and valued — it is not seen as wasting time but as building social connection before getting to the point. Topics like weather, the weekend, sport, and commuting are classic small talk territories. Many non-native speakers find small talk harder than formal discussions.

یعامتجا یتحار داجی یارب آلومعم تیماه ایب تاعوضوم هرابرد کبس و میسرریغ هملاکم نتشاد

یعامتجا هدننکان اور تراهم

Small talk is a cultural requirement in English-speaking workplaces — learn it as a skill, not a formality.

ارنآ تسا نابزلیسیلگنا یراک یاهطیح م رد یگنهرف مازلا کی کچوک یاهت تبحص .

تافی رشت ناووع هب هن، دیریگب دای تراهم ناووع هب

She used to avoid office social events but once she learned to make small talk, she found them genuinely enjoyable.

تفرگ دای ی تقو و اما درکلیم یرودرتفد یعامتجا یاهدادیور زآ لب ق .

تفای شخباتذل اعقاو ار اهنآ، دنک کچوک یاهت تبحص

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to build rapport

ی‌رگید صخ‌ش اب لباق‌تم کرد و طاب‌ترا، دام‌ت‌ع‌ا س‌ح دا‌ج‌ا ن‌درک رار‌ق‌رب ه‌ن‌ام‌ی‌م‌ص طاب‌ترا

DEF

to create a sense of trust, connection and mutual understanding with another person

Build rapport is the relationship foundation verb. Rapport is not friendship — it is the feeling of ease and connection that makes communication flow. In professional English, building rapport is a deliberate skill: asking about the other person, mirroring their energy, showing genuine interest. Without rapport, communication feels transactional.

ی‌رگید صخ‌ش اب لباق‌تم کرد و طاب‌ترا، دام‌ت‌ع‌ا س‌ح دا‌ج‌ا
ه‌ط‌ب‌ار ه‌ی‌ا پ‌ل‌ع‌ف

Build rapport before getting to the point — a brief personal exchange makes professional conversations warmer.

د‌ی‌ن‌ک رار‌ق‌رب ه‌ن‌ام‌ی‌م‌ص طاب‌ترا ب‌ل‌ط‌م ل‌ص‌ا ه‌ب ن‌د‌ی‌س‌ر‌ز‌ا ل‌ب‌ق .
د‌ن‌ک‌ی‌م ر‌ت‌ام‌ر‌گ‌ا‌ر‌ی‌ا ه‌ا‌ف‌ر‌ح ت‌ام‌ل‌ا‌ک‌م ه‌ا‌ت‌و‌ک‌ی‌ص‌خ‌ش ل‌د‌ا‌ب‌ت‌ک‌ی

She quickly built rapport with clients by remembering small personal details from previous conversations.

ا‌ب ت‌ع‌ر‌س ه‌ب ی‌ل‌ب‌ق ت‌ام‌ل‌ا‌ک‌م ز‌ا ک‌چ‌و‌ک‌ی‌ص‌خ‌ش ت‌ا‌ی‌ئ‌ی‌ز‌ج ن‌د‌ر‌و‌ا د‌ای ه‌ب ا‌ب .
د‌رک رار‌ق‌رب ه‌ن‌ام‌ی‌م‌ص طاب‌ترا ن‌ا‌ی‌ر‌ت‌ش‌م

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to stay in touch

ه‌ی‌ل‌و‌ا ت‌ا‌ق‌ال‌م‌ک‌ی‌ز‌ا د‌ع‌ب‌ا‌ص‌و‌ص‌خ‌م‌ی‌س‌ک‌ا‌ب م‌ظ‌ن‌م‌س‌ام‌ت‌ظ‌ف‌ح ن‌د‌ن‌ام‌س‌ام‌ت‌ر‌د

DEF

to maintain regular contact with someone — especially after an initial meeting or after a period of separation

Stay in touch is the relationship maintenance phrase. After meeting someone at an event or in a class, staying in touch is what converts a single encounter into a real connection. In professional English, it often involves an explicit invitation: 'let's stay in touch' or 'let's connect on LinkedIn'. Following through separates good networkers from those who just collect contacts.

ی‌ی‌ا‌د‌ج ه‌ر‌و‌د‌ک‌ی‌ز‌ا د‌ع‌ب‌ا‌ی‌ه‌ی‌ل‌و‌ا ت‌ا‌ق‌ال‌م‌ک‌ی‌ز‌ا د‌ع‌ب‌ا‌ص‌و‌ص‌خ‌م‌ی‌س‌ک‌ا‌ب م‌ظ‌ن‌م‌س‌ام‌ت‌ظ‌ف‌ح
ه‌ط‌ب‌ار‌ی‌ر‌اد‌ه‌گ‌ن ت‌ر‌ا‌ب‌ع

Stay in touch after meeting someone interesting — send a brief message the next day to keep the connection alive.

ه‌ا‌ت‌و‌ک‌م‌ا‌ی‌پ‌ک‌ی‌ا‌د‌ر‌ف‌د‌ی‌ن‌ا‌م‌ب‌س‌ام‌ت‌ر‌د ب‌ل‌ا‌ج‌ی‌س‌ک‌ا‌ب ت‌ا‌ق‌ال‌م‌ز‌ا د‌ع‌ب .
د‌ی‌ر‌اد‌ه‌گ‌ن ه‌د‌ن‌ز‌ا‌ر طاب‌ترا ت‌د‌ی‌ت‌س‌ر‌ف‌ب

She made a point of staying in touch with everyone she met at the conference and several became long-term collaborators.

د‌رک ت‌ا‌ق‌ال‌م‌س‌ن‌ا‌ر‌ف‌ن‌ک‌ر‌د ه‌ک‌ی‌ن‌ا‌س‌ک‌ه‌م‌ا‌ب د‌ا‌ل‌ی‌م‌ت‌ی‌م‌ه‌ا .
د‌ن‌د‌ش ت‌د‌م‌د‌ن‌ل‌ب‌ن‌ا‌ر‌ا‌ک‌م‌ه‌ی‌ا‌ت‌د‌ن‌چ‌و‌د‌ن‌ا‌م‌ب‌س‌ام‌ت‌ر‌د

to have something in common

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ه ب یرگی د صخش اب اری اهل گژی و ای اهل زرا ، ت ای ب رج ت ، قی ال ع ن ت ش ا د ک ر ت ش م زی چ
ن ت ش ا ذ گ ک ا ر ت ش ا

DEF

to share interests, experiences, values, or characteristics with another person

Have something in common is the connection phrase. Finding common ground is one of the fastest ways to build connection with someone new. In English-speaking social situations, noticing and naming common ground — 'I studied that too', 'I grew up there as well', 'we both work in that field' — is a social skill that moves conversations from polite to genuine.

ی رگی د صخش اب اهل گژی و ای اهل زرا ، ت ای ب رج ت ، قی ال ع ن ت ش ا ذ گ ک ا ر ت ش ا
ط ا ب ت ر ا ت ر ا ب ع

Find what you have in common with someone early in a conversation — it builds trust and keeps things flowing.

و د ز ا س ل ی م د ا م ت ع ا د ی ن ک ا د ی پ د ی ر ا د ک ر ت ش م ی س ک ا ب ه ک ا ر ی ز ی چ ه م ل ا ک م ر د د و ز .

د ن ک ل ی م ط ف ح ا ر ن ا ی ر ج

They discovered they had so much in common that what started as a five-minute chat lasted two hours.

ع و ر ش ی ا ه ق ی ق د ج ن پ ه م ل ا ک م ک ی ن ا و ن ع ه ب ه چ ن آ ه ک د ن ر ا د ک ر ت ش م زی چ ر د ق ن آ ه ک د ن ت ف ا ی ر د .

د ی ش ک ل و ط ت ع ا س و د د ش

to reach out to someone

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د ی د ج ت ای ک م ک هئ ا ر ا ی ا ر ب ا ص و ص خ م ن د ر ک ر ا ر ق ر ب س ا م ت ی س ک ا ب ن ت ف ر گ س ا م ت ی س ک ا ب
ط ا ب ت ر ا

DEF

to make contact with someone — especially to offer help, ask for something, or renew a lapsed connection

Reach out to someone is the modern networking phrase. It has largely replaced 'contact' in professional English, with a slightly warmer connotation — reaching out implies initiative and genuine interest rather than just a transactional exchange. You reach out to a mentor, a potential collaborator, or someone you lost contact with.

ه د ش ا ع ط ق ط ا ب ت ر ا ک ی د ی د ج ت ای ی ز ی چ ت س ا و خ ر د ، ک م ک هئ ا ر ا ی ا ر ب ا ص و ص خ م ی س ک ا ب س ا م ت ن د ر ک ر ا ر ق ر ب

ی ز ا س ا ه ک ب ش ن ر د م ت ر ا ب ع

Reach out to people whose work you admire — a thoughtful message often gets a warmer reply than you expect.

ه ن ا ر ک ف ت م م ا ی پ ک ی د ی ر ی گ ب س ا م ت د ی ن ک ل ی م ن ی س ح ت ا ر ن ا ش ر ا ک ه ک ی ن ا س ک ا ب .

د ی ر ی گ ل ی م د ی ر ا د ر ا ظ ت ن ا ه چ ن آ ز ا ی ر ت م ر گ خ س ا پ ب ل ع ا

She reached out to a former classmate working in her target field and it led to an unexpected job opportunity.

ک ی ه ب و ت ف ر گ س ا م ت د ر ک ل ی م ر ا ک ش ف د ه ز و ج ر د ه ک ق ب ا س ی س ا ل ک ل م ه ک ی ا ب .

د ش ر ج ن م ه ر ظ ت ن م ر ی غ ی ل غ ش ت ص ر ف

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to make a good impression

دنک رکف امش هب تبثم روط هب یسک هک ندش ثعاب نتشاذگ بوخ ری ثأت

DEF

to cause someone to think positively about you — typically through your behaviour, manner, or communication

Make a good impression is the social performance phrase. First impressions happen within seconds and are disproportionately shaped by non-verbal cues — eye contact, posture, handshake — as well as by the fluency and warmth of initial communication. For English learners, making a good impression in a second language is a genuine achievement.

طابترا ای دروخ رب هوجن، راتفر قی رط زالموم عم دنک رکف امش هب تبثم روط هب یسک هک ندش ثعاب

یعامتجا درکل مع ترابع

Make a good impression in English by smiling, making eye contact, and speaking clearly rather than quickly.

عی رس هن حضاو و ندرک رارقرب می مشچ سامت، ندز دنخ بل اب یسی لگنا رد .

دی راذگ ب بوخ ری ثأت ندرک تبحص

She focused on making a good impression at the interview not by speaking perfectly but by being warm and specific.

ندرک تبحص اب هن درک زکرمت نتشاذگ بوخ ری ثأت رب هب خاصم رد .

ندوب صخشم و مرگ اب هکل بل ماک

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word of mouth

هملاکم قی رط زا رگی د رفن هب رفن کی زا اهلهی صوت ای تاعالطا لاقتنا ناهد هب ناهد

DEF

the passing of information, recommendations, or opinions from one person to another through conversation

Word of mouth is the organic information sharing phrase. In professional and social contexts, word of mouth is often more powerful than advertising — people trust personal recommendations. For language learners, building a reputation through word of mouth — 'she is really good at her job', 'he is someone worth knowing' — depends on the quality of their communication.

هملاکم قی رط زا رگی د رفن هب رفن کی زا تارظن ای اهلهی صوت، تاعالطا لاقتنا

تسا تاغی لب ت زا رتلیوق بلغا ناهد هب ناهد، یعامتجا و یاهفرح یاهلانی مز رد

Word of mouth is the most powerful form of professional reputation — communicate well and it takes care of itself.

طابترا بوخ تسای اهفرح رابتع لکش نیرتلیوق ناهد هب ناهد .

دنکلیم تبقارم شدوخ زا و دینک رارقرب

Her work spread by word of mouth among the English-speaking community and she did not need to advertise.

غی لب ت هب یزای و دش شخپ نابزلیسی لگنا هعماج نایم رد ناهد هب ناهد شراک .

تشادن