

Talk About Yourself: Unit 6

Overview:

Here is a handout that will give your students some extra review and practice of Golden Rule 3. The idea is to rewrite two short dialogs featuring the Model Sentences in Unit 6. The key structure to follow is a basic 6-turn sequence that begins with a question or statement and includes some reaction expressions, like this:

1. A: <Question> OR <Statement>
2. B: <Reaction + Answer>
3. A: <Reaction + Personal Comment>
4. B: <Reaction + Personal Comment>
5. A: <Reaction + Personal Comment>
6. B: <Reaction + Personal Comment>

Other sequences are possible, of course, but for now, students are being asked to master this basic structure. If they can get used to asking a question and then answering directly without waiting for a “how about you” or other question, then that will help them sound more interactive, friendly, and natural. Likewise, it’s also good form to begin a sequence with a statement and by-pass questions altogether for a while.

This handout can be used in class, as a homework assignment, or even as a short writing quiz. Your students’ answers will vary, but as long as they follow the basic structure, they should be okay. It’s up to you on how strictly you would like to mark them. Pointing out and/or correcting small errors can help students focus on their form and accuracy. While not a main emphasis of this book, accuracy is important to develop because it helps build confidence for speaking. If you know you can produce correct utterances, you are more likely to do so.

If you would like an editable .docx version of this handout, please do get in touch and I’ll email you a copy.

Good luck! I hope this exercise will help your students vary the way they speak.

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"It's natural to sometimes talk about yourself."
質問されていなくても、自分自身のことを交えながら話してみよう。

-Golden Rule 3

Step 1: Read the following example dialogs.

Step 2: Write conversations that follow the examples.

Example 1:

1. A: What kind of music are you into these days, Bob?
2. B: I'm listening to a lot of world music these days. It's really cool.
3. A: Oh yeah? I don't know that genre.
4. B: Well, it's basically traditional music from around the world- places like Africa, Asia, and South America.
5. A: Really? Sounds interesting. I'm into J-Pop myself.
6. B: Cool. I like some of that too.

Your conversation 1:

Example 2:

1. A: I just saw *Transformers 4* last night. It was terrible!
2. B: Really? Yeah, I heard that it wasn't very good.
3. A: The story was totally silly, and the special effects were over the top.
4. B: Too bad! Well, if you want to see a good science fiction movie, check out *Inception* on DVD.
5. A: Really? I don't know that one.
6. B: It stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Ken Watanabe. It's an amazing story.

Your conversation 2:
