

Joining In

- 1.) Analyze the people (gestures, clothing, words).
- 2.) Identify the topic they are talking about.
- 3.) Add positive: gestures (nod, lean toward) comments ("really", "cool", "awesome", "wow"), facial expressions (smile) and establish eye contact.
- 4.) Add comments related to their topic ("I also.....", "I think that's cool too.")
- 5.) Ask a question about the topic.
- 6.) Get more information: "I never have heard of..... / done that, but can you tell me more about it."

Joining a Conversation

1. Listen to what the people are talking about to identify the topic of conversation.
2. Walk up to the people talking.
3. Wait for them to look at you or wait for a pause in their conversation.
4. Say, "Excuse me, were you talking about _____?"
(Topic)
5. Ask a question about the topic:
Who ... What ... When ... Where ... Why ... How ... What else?

Practice

Who will I try this with? _____

When? _____

What happened? _____

How did I do? _____