



In this lesson, we have **50 small talk questions** that are commonly used in business. The questions are divided into 5 key sections of business life: meetings, conferences, phone calls, chatting to coworkers, and sales calls.

MEETINGS

1. How's everyone doing today?
2. How's work treating you nowadays?
3. Did you have a good weekend?
4. Any plans for the upcoming holidays?
5. Any interesting updates **on your end**?
6. How's business nowadays?
7. How's the weather in your area?
8. Are you working on anything new at the moment?
9. Have you encountered any interesting challenges in your projects lately?
10. How are you handling the supply chain issues at the moment?

USEFUL PHRASE

'**On your end**' refers to the status or condition of something from the perspective of the person/company you are communicating with.

CONFERENCES

11. So, what brings you to this conference?
12. Have you attended this conference before, or is it your first time?

13. Which keynote speaker are you most looking forward to?
14. How has your experience been at the conference so far?
15. Have you **come across** anything interesting so far?
16. How was your flight?
17. Where are you staying for this conference?
18. Are you planning to do any travelling while you're here?
19. Have you met anyone interesting so far?
20. Do you have any more business trips coming up?

USEFUL PHRASE

'**Come across**' is a phrasal verb meaning to meet or find someone or something by chance.

PHONE CALLS

21. How's everything going on your end since our last conversation?
22. Have you had any recent developments in your business?
23. How's your weather today?
24. How has your summer been?
25. Did you have a chance to review the materials we sent over?
26. How are you finding the current market conditions?
27. Are there any upcoming industry events you're planning to attend?
28. How is your team adapting to remote work?
29. What's the biggest challenge your organization is facing right now?
30. Do you have any plans for the upcoming holidays?

CHATTING TO COWORKERS

31. How was your weekend?
32. Did you get up to anything nice over the weekend?
33. What did you do after work yesterday?
34. How do you **wind down** after work?
35. How's it going with your new project?
36. Have you tried the new Chinese restaurant nearby?
37. Do you know anywhere nice I can get lunch?
38. Have you met the new intern?
39. Do you have any plans for your vacation days this summer?
40. Do you have any fun plans for the holidays?

USEFUL PHRASE

'Wind down' is a phrasal verb meaning to relax after stress or excitement

SALES CALL

41. How's your day going so far?
42. Are the family well?
43. Have you been busy lately?
44. How are you coping with the rising fuel prices?
45. What are some difficulties you're facing in your industry nowadays?
46. What's the biggest pain point you're currently facing?
47. How did you first hear about our company?
48. How do you typically make decisions about new vendors?
49. Do you have any interesting upcoming projects?
50. Will you be attending the June conference?