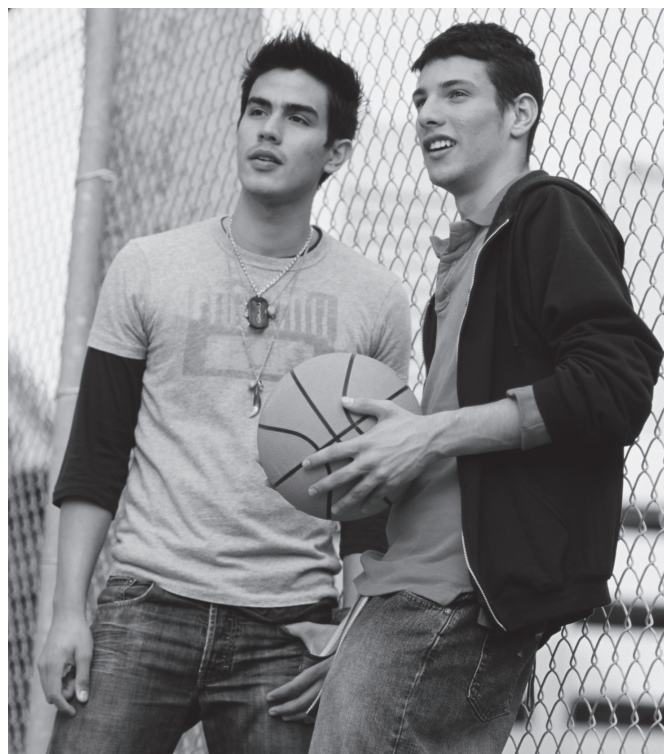


Changing the subject

1 (3.05) Read and listen to the dialogue. Who is going to ...

- 1 do an internship?
- 2 do a short course?
- 3 visit the Royal Observatory?



Stan Did I tell you that I'm going to do a short course in international communication next week?

Jim No, you didn't. That sounds really interesting. By the way, I've got some good news about my internship.

Stan Oh, yeah. What's that?

Jim I've got six weeks doing a work placement at the City Investment Bank during the summer holidays. I'm going to be working in the IT department, which is great because I want to study IT and electronics at university.

Stan That's great news. Well done! Anyway, going back to my course, I was going to ask you if you had any books on international communication. I need to do some background reading before my course.

Jim Oh yeah, I'll ask my sister. She's done a similar course, so I'm sure she'll have ...

Stan Sorry to interrupt, but that reminds me – didn't your sister win a prize in a maths competition?

Jim Oh, yes! I forgot to tell you. She won second prize, which is a trip to the Royal Observatory in London.

Stan Wow! That's amazing. She must be really good at maths, then.

Jim Yes, she's a bit of a genius. Anyway, I'll ask her about those books for you.

Stan OK, thanks. Now, tell me more about your internship.

2 (3.06) Read the dialogue again and find five expressions that are used to change the subject of the conversation. Then listen and repeat.

3 Work with a partner to practise changing the subject in a conversation. Student A start talking about a topic in A and Student B change the subject to a topic in B.

A

- your plans for the weekend
- a film you have seen
- a good exam result
- someone you met recently
- your favourite team's result

B

- a family reunion
- a book you have read recently
- good news about one of your school subjects
- an old friend you both know
- bad news about your favourite team

4 (3.07) Listen to two dialogues. What's the opening subject of the dialogue? What new subject does the other speaker introduce?

Dialogue 1

1 opening subject: _____

2 new subject: _____

Dialogue 2

3 opening subject: _____

4 new subject: _____

5 Work in pairs. Use the information below and the flowchart to create a dialogue using expressions from exercise 2.

A You plan to see a film in the cinema called the 'Deep Blue Sea' this weekend. It is an adventure film and lots of people are going to see it. The film is by one of your favourite film directors and stars a famous actor. You can see the film in the film in 3D.

B You went to the Red Sea on holiday last year with your family and had a great time. You are going to go again this summer. This year you are going to take diving lessons. The sea has thousands of species of fish and you would like to swim around the coral reef.

A

Talk about the film you want to see.

B

Show interest and change the subject.

Return to your subject.

Find a link with the subject A is discussing and use it to change the subject.

Make a comment about what B is discussing and return to your subject.

Agree with A on a point then change the subject. Ask A for opinions on your subject to stop them returning to their subject.

Try to finish the conversation talking about your subject.

6 Act out your dialogue to the class.