

BBC Learning English

How to ...

chat someone up

Listening exercise



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1. In a pub...
Is she interested in him?

Maybe
No

2. At a party...
Is he interested in her?

Maybe
No

3. At a party...
Is she interested in him?

Maybe
No

4. In a bar...
Is she interested in him?

Maybe
No

5. At work...
Is he interested in her?

Maybe
No

6. At a public meeting...
Are they interested in each other?

Maybe
No

Answers

Correct answers are in bold.

1. In a pub...

Is she interested in him?

Maybe

No - she tells him to 'get lost' - to go away.

2. At a party...

Is he interested in her?

Maybe

No - he mentions his wife so isn't interested in this woman.

3. At a party...

Is she interested in him?

Maybe - they seem to be getting on very well, so they may get together.

No

4. In a bar...

Is she interested in him?

Maybe

No - although the woman says 'really' and 'that's amazing', her flat intonation makes it obvious that she is not impressed with this man.

5. At work...

Is he interested in her?

Maybe

No - he sounds uneasy and seems to be making excuses to avoid meeting up with her.

6. At a public meeting...

Are they interested in each other?

Maybe - their shared boredom has helped break the ice. They might get together!

No

Transcript

- 1: **Man:** Can I get you a drink?
Woman: I'm all right, thanks.
Man: Yeah, you certainly look all right.
Woman: Ugh, get lost!
- 2: **Woman:** So, how long have you been living in Liverpool?
Man: About six months. Alice, that's my wife, she's from the city originally and we've always intended to come back.
- 3: **Man:** ...the most terrifying thing that ever happened to me, I was in Australia with my ex-girlfriend, and one morning this snake came into the bedroom.
Woman: Oh no, I hate snakes!
Man: It was only a baby one, but it just shot under the door. Marie – that's my ex-girlfriend – she went absolutely crazy!
Woman: I'm not surprised! I would as well. What did you do?
Man: What do you think I did?
Woman: I don't know... maybe you got a giant rock and killed it.
Man: No... I ran away.
Woman: (laughs) I see! That's the kind of guy you are, is it?
Man: (laughs) No, no no, not at all! Not at all!
- 4: **Man:** ... so it's the third time I've been promoted in twelve months. You know, I'm on about 50k now.
Woman: Really?
Man: Yeah and I bought a new Jaguar to celebrate, picked it up last week.
Woman: Wow, that's... amazing.
- 5: **Woman:** So anyway, we should meet up soon and go and see a film or something.
Man: Er yeah... that would be kind of cool.
Woman: Well, OK. How about this weekend? Are you doing anything on Saturday?
Man: Saturday... this Saturday... um... no, I think I'm going to the football this Saturday.
Woman: All right, well how about after work sometime next week?
Man: Next week... is gonna be kind of busy, actually. Hmmm. Let me check my diary at home and then I'll call you, OK?

6. **Man:** I never normally come to these meetings.
Woman: No, me neither. They're so boring!
Man: You can say that again. Whatever you do, just don't yawn. If *you* yawn, I'll have to yawn and within seconds yawns will spread around the room...
Woman: Like dominos!
Man: Exactly, like dominos, it will be unstoppable! I'm Mark by the way.
Woman: Oh hi, I'm Julie.
Man: Julie, I've got an idea.
Woman: What's that, Mark?
Man: Let's start a big argument to make this meeting more interesting!
Woman: (laughs) That sounds like a very good plan.