

Basic Conversation Patterns and Exchanges

Worksheet

Conversation patterns are predictable dialogue exchanges — speaker A says X, speaker B responds with Y. Examples: greeting ('How are you?' / 'I'm fine'), introduction ('What's your name?' / 'I'm...').

Questions

1. Which is the best response to 'How are you?'
A) I'm a student.
B) I'm fine, thanks. And you?
C) My name is John.
D) I like coffee.
2. What is a conversation pattern?
A) A written email
B) A predictable exchange in dialogue
C) A list of new words
D) A book about grammar
3. Which pattern shows asking for a favor?
A) 'Hi, how are you?'
B) 'Can you help me with...?'
C) 'Nice to meet you.'
D) 'What's your name?'
4. Formal greeting pattern?
A) Hey, what's up?
B) Good morning, how do you do?
C) Yo, how's it going?
D) What up?
5. Write a greeting exchange between friends.
6. Write a formal introduction pattern.
7. Write a conversation asking for help.
8. Define: What is a conversation pattern?
9. Define: Name three common conversation starters.
10. Define: What makes a conversation pattern 'basic'?

Answer Key

1. B) I'm fine, thanks. And you? — 'I'm fine, thanks. And you?' follows the greeting pattern and opens back-and-forth conversation.
2. B) A predictable exchange in dialogue — A conversation pattern is a predictable exchange structure used repeatedly in daily interactions.
3. B) 'Can you help me with...?' — 'Can you help me with...?' is the pattern for asking for a favor politely.
4. B) Good morning, how do you do? — 'Good morning, how do you do?' is formal — polite, complete, used in professional settings.
5. A: 'Hi Sarah, how are you today?' B: 'I'm great, thanks! How about you?' A: 'Doing well! What's new?'
6. A: 'Good morning. My name is James.' B: 'Nice to meet you, James. I'm Emma.' A: 'Pleasure to meet you too, Emma.'
7. A: 'Excuse me, can you help me?' B: 'Of course. What do you need?' A: 'Could you tell me where the library is?' B: 'Sure, it's on Main Street.'
8. A predictable exchange of sentences between speakers. A asks, B answers; follows a common structure.
9. 'How are you?', 'What's up?', 'How was your day?', 'Did you see...?' — all open the conversation.
10. Simple vocabulary, short responses, repeated in daily life. Easy for learners to memorize and use.

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