

Touchstone 2

Unit 1 “Making friends”

Vocabulary

Socialize (verb): To spend time with other people in a friendly way, especially in a group.

Mingle (verb): To mix with other people in a social gathering, typically by talking and moving around.

Network (verb): To interact with other people to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts.

Meet and greet (noun): A type of social event where people are introduced to each other and interact in a friendly and informal manner.

Small talk (noun): Polite conversation about everyday topics, often used to get to know someone or to break the ice.

Strike up a conversation (phrase): To start talking to someone.

Reach out (phrasal verb): To make contact with someone by telephone, email, or social media.

Break the ice (idiom): To do or say something that makes it easier for people to talk to each other.

Make friends (verb phrase): To form a friendly relationship with someone.

Connect (verb): To get in touch with someone, typically using a mobile phone, the internet, or social media.

Hit on someone(idiom): to show romantic or sexual interest in someone, usually by flirting with them.

Fill in the blanks using the words above.

To, it's important to with other people, at events, and with people who share your interests.

At the bar, he tried to the woman sitting next to him, but she wasn't interested.

A great way to meet new people is to attend events, where you can by conversations and making small talk.

Answers

make friends – socialize– mingle – network – hit on –meet and greet –break the ice – striking up

Here are the questions:

How do you usually meet new people?

Do you prefer to socialize in large groups or in smaller settings?

What kinds of events do you enjoy attending to meet new people?

How do you usually break the ice when you meet someone new?

What are some things you like to talk about when you make small talk?

Do you find it easy or difficult to strike up a conversation with someone you don't know?