

Eastside Literacy Tutor Support
Student Handout –**Conversation Tools**

Practice: Use these phrases to practice casual conversation with your classmates.

Greeting/Opener	Start a conversation with a simple question or statement
Hi Hello How are you? How have you been? How is it going? It's nice to see you. Long time, no see. It's been a while.	Have I seen you around here before? Are you new to this area? How is your work going these days? Isn't it a beautiful day? This rain seems like it will never stop. What's new with you? What kind of work do you do? Did you see the baseball game last night? I'm so tired today.
Keep a conversation going by agreeing or disagreeing, or asking for clarification	
I agree / disagree. I do / don't. I know what you mean. I couldn't agree more. I think so, too (agreeing with a positive opinion, ex. "Everyone should learn a second language"). I don't think so. (disagreeing with a positive opinion, ex. "Everyone should learn a second language"). Me too (agreeing with a positive statement, ex. "I enjoy swimming"). Not me (disagreeing with a positive statement, ex. "I enjoy swimming"). Me neither (agreeing with a negative statement, ex. "I don't like this rain"). Really? Why do you say that? (in response to an opinion).	
End a conversation politely	
It was nice meeting you. I hope we'll meet again (after talking for the first time). It was nice to see you again. I'm glad we had a chance to talk. It's been great chatting with you. I've enjoyed talking with you. Will you excuse me please? I've got to run. Bye / Goodbye / Good night See you later. Take it easy. Take care. Keep in touch.	