

B2 CHUNK BANK FOR EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS

30 useful chunks to help you speak more naturally

Choose the chunks that are useful to you, personalise them and **put them into use**.

TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF

1. I'M THE KIND OF PERSON WHO...

Structure:

I'm the kind of person who + clause

Example:

I'm the kind of person who likes to plan everything in advance.

2. I'M MORE OF A ... PERSON

Structure:

I'm more of a + noun + person

Example:

I'm more of a morning person.

3. I'M REALLY INTO...

Structure:

I'm really into + noun / -ing

Example:

I'm really into cooking at the moment.

4. I'M NOT REALLY INTO...

Structure:

I'm not really into + noun / -ing

Example:

I'm not really into watching sport.

5. I'M QUITE KEEN ON...

Structure:

I'm quite keen on + noun / -ing

Example:

I'm quite keen on trying new food.

EXPRESSING OPINIONS

6. THE WAY I SEE IT,...

Structure:

The way I see it, + clause

Example:

The way I see it, we have two options.

7. I WOULDN'T SAY...

Structure:

I wouldn't say + clause

Example:

I wouldn't say I'm shy, but I can be quiet around new people.

8. WHAT MATTERS IS...

Structure:

What matters is + noun / wh-clause

Example:

What matters is how you use the language.

9. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH...

Structure:

There's nothing wrong with + noun / -ing

Example:

There's nothing wrong with changing your mind.

10. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED,...

Structure:

As far as I'm concerned, + clause

Example:

As far as I'm concerned, we've made the right decision.

CLARIFYING AND EXPLAINING

11. WHAT I MEAN IS...

Structure:

What I mean is + clause

Example:

What I mean is, you don't have to understand every single word.

12. WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...

Structure:

What I'm trying to say is + clause

Example:

What I'm trying to say is that we need more time.

13. IN OTHER WORDS,...

Structure:

In other words, + clause

Example:

We need to cut our spending. In other words, we need to be more careful with money.

14. IT'S NOT THAT..., IT'S JUST THAT...

Structure:

It's not that + clause, it's just that + clause

Example:

It's not that I don't like going out, it's just that I'm exhausted after work.

15. WHAT I'M SAYING IS...

Structure:

What I'm saying is + clause

Example:

What I'm saying is, we shouldn't make a decision yet.

PREFERENCES AND CHOICES

16. I WOULDN'T MIND...

Structure:

I wouldn't mind + -ing

Example:

I wouldn't mind living abroad for a few years.

17. I'D PREFER TO...**Structure:**

I'd prefer to + base verb

Example:

I'd prefer to talk about it in person.

18. GIVEN THE CHOICE,...**Structure:**

Given the choice, + clause

Example:

Given the choice, I'd work four days a week.

19. THE LAST THING I WANT IS...**Structure:**

The last thing I want is + to-infinitive

Example:

The last thing I want is to spend my weekend working.

20. I'D BE HAPPY TO...**Structure:**

I'd be happy to + base verb

Example:

I'd be happy to help you with that.

UNCERTAINTY AND POSSIBILITY

21. THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE...**Structure:**

There's a good chance + (that) + clause

Example:

There's a good chance I'll be working this weekend.

22. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER...**Structure:**

I'm not sure whether + clause

Example:

I'm not sure whether I want to move yet.

23. IT'S HARD TO TELL...**Structure:**

It's hard to tell + whether / if / wh-clause

Example:

It's hard to tell whether he's being serious.

24. YOU NEVER KNOW...**Structure:**

You never know + clause / standalone expression

Example:

Take an umbrella — you never know when you might need it.

25. THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE...**Structure:**

There's always a chance + (that) + clause

Example:

There's always a chance they'll change their mind.

REACTING TO SITUATIONS

26. THAT'S THE THING...

Use this when referring to the main problem or important point.

Example:

I'd like to move, but that's the thing — I can't afford it right now.

27. THAT MAKES SENSE.

Use this to show that you understand someone's reasoning.

Example:

"I'm going to wait until prices come down."

"That makes sense."

28. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

Use this to show that you understand or have had a similar experience.

Example:

"I find it difficult to concentrate at home."

"I know what you mean."

29. THAT REMINDS ME...

Structure:

That reminds me + of + noun / clause

Example:

That reminds me — I need to call my sister.

30. COME TO THINK OF IT,...

Use this when you suddenly remember or realise something while speaking.

Example:

Come to think of it, I haven't seen him for months.

HOW TO USE THIS CHUNK BANK

Choose **five chunks** you can imagine yourself using in real conversations.

Create an example that is true for **you**, say it aloud, then keep the same chunk and change the information.

I wouldn't mind living abroad.

→ **I wouldn't mind changing jobs.**

→ **I wouldn't mind working fewer hours.**

The aim is to make the chunk **ready to use with different ideas when you speak.**

BUILD YOUR PERSONAL CHUNK BANK

Choose your favourites from this guide.

1. ____

My example: ____

2. ____

My example: ____

3. ____

My example: _____

4. _____

My example: _____

5. _____

My example: _____

6. _____

My example: _____

7. _____

My example: _____

8. _____

My example: _____

9. _____

My example: _____

10. _____

My example: _____

DON'T JUST COLLECT CHUNKS.

Choose the ones you need. Make them personal. Put them into use.