

Functional Language for Oral Exchanges



Breaking the ice...

- ▶ **OK, who starts?**
- ▶ **Shall I start?**
- ▶ **I'll start!**
- ▶ **You go first...**

Giving/Taking turn . . .

- ▶ **It's my/your turn.**
- ▶ **Is it my turn now?**

Introducing topics . . .

- ▶ **Let's talk about...**
- ▶ **Let me ask you a question.**
- ▶ **Can I ask you a question?**
- ▶ **What/How about...**

Responding in conversation . . .

- ▶ **OK.**
- ▶ **All right.**
- ▶ **Right then.**
- ▶ **Now...**
- ▶ **Well...**

Agreeing . . .

- ▶ **I see.**
- ▶ **That's right.**
- ▶ **Oh yeah.**
- ▶ **Absolutely.**
- ▶ **Me too/neither.**

When you don't understand . . .

- ▶ **Pardon?**
- ▶ **Sorry?**
- ▶ **What did you say?**
- ▶ **Can you say that again?**
- ▶ **How do you spell that?**
- ▶ **Can you spell it?**

Checking understanding ...

- ▶ **Do you know what I mean?**
- ▶ **You see?**

Making a mistake . . .

- ▶ **I'm sorry. I mean...**