

# Anatomy of A Conversation: Social Scripts

**Suggested Conversational Messages - Collected from Multiple Workshops  
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## Attention Getters

Can we talk?  
Can you help me  
Come here  
Come here, please.  
Dude!  
Excuse me  
Good morning  
Guess what  
Hello  
Hellooo!  
Help!  
Hey Girlfriend!  
Hey I'm talking here!  
hey kid!  
hey there hi there ho there  
hey you  
Hey you guys  
Hey you with the feet!  
Hey you, yeah, you with the feet!  
Hey!  
Hey, how's it going?  
Hey, I have something to say!  
Hi  
How are you?  
How you bean, jelly bean!  
How's it going?  
how's things going?  
how's your afternoon going?  
I've got a good one for ya!  
Let's talk  
look  
Look at this  
Oh,by the way...  
Pardon me.  
waz up?  
We need to talk.  
Whaaasssuuuuup?!  
What are you guys doing?  
What's going on?  
What's happening?  
What's new?  
What's up?  
What's your name?  
Who's your daddy?

## Maintainers, Holders, Interjections

and then  
and then guess what happened  
and you know what else?  
And?  
Are you sure?  
Awesome!  
Can you believe it?  
Cool!  
Darn  
Dude!That's cool!  
Dude.  
for instance  
for sure!  
get out  
Get outta here!  
Go on. . .  
Good idea!  
gosh  
great  
he didn't!  
Hmmmmm.  
how about that?  
hum!  
I bet you're dying to know!  
I don't know about that.  
I don't think so.  
I hate when that happens  
I hear you  
I see  
I understand  
no way Jose  
no way!  
Now you try  
Oh no!  
Oh, OK  
OK  
Really?!  
right, right  
So?  
super  
sure  
Tell me about it

Wow! What a day!  
Ya know what?  
yo!  
Yooohooooo???

Tell me more!  
That's cool!.  
that's nice  
That's slammin  
That's SWEEEEEEEEET!  
That's sweet  
that's tight  
then?  
Uh huh  
uh oh  
Ummm!  
what did you do?  
What else happened?  
Wow!  
yeah  
Yikes!  
You betch ya!  
you're kidding!  
You're right

## Starters / Context Setters

Been to the movies lately?  
Brace yourself for this one!  
Can you believe that happened?  
Did you see the game last night?  
Do you have a minute to hear about...  
Guess what I did on the playground today!  
Guess what I did!  
Guess what?  
Guess who I saw.  
Have you heard about this?  
Have you heard the one about...  
How about this weather?  
How did you do that?  
How was your trip?  
I am sooo bummed!  
I forgot to tell you,  
I had the best time last night!  
I have an idea!  
I have something to tell you  
I want to show you something  
I'd like to tell you about what happened this weekend...  
Look at what I can do!  
Oh my gosh, listen  
Remember when?  
So what's new with you?  
Wait until you hear this one.  
What did you do this morning?  
You won't believe what happened  
You'll never believe this!  
You've gotta hear this one...

## Turn Transfer -Questions

Can you believe it?  
Can you believe that happened?  
Can you guess what I like?  
Did this ever happen to you?  
Did you see that?  
Do you believe it?  
Do you think that's a good idea?  
Do you want me to show you how I learned to do that?  
Don't you think that?  
Don't you think?  
Have you ever done that?  
How about you?  
How do you feel about that?  
Is that amazing or what?  
Isn't that an incredible story?  
Know any good jokes?  
What about you?  
What do you think?  
What would you do?  
What would you have done?  
What's your idea about this?  
Ya know what I mean?

## Repairs

are we on the same planet?  
Are you playing "Weakest Link?"  
ask me again  
back up the bus  
Boy, I must be really tired, what's that again?  
can you repeat that?  
Clue phone...it's for you! Get a clue!  
Could you repeat that?  
excuse me  
Get with the program! :)  
HELLO!!!!  
Hold on a sec!  
Hold on, wait a minute  
Hold the phone, that's not it  
I can say it again  
I did not understand.  
I misunderstood you.  
I really meant that....  
I'll tell you the first letter  
I'll try to say it another way  
It's not on my device/board.  
It's okay, that's why we have erasers.  
Let me put it this way.  
Let me re-explain myself.  
Let me rephrase that  
Let me say it a different way  
Let me think about a better way to say that  
Let me try again.  
Let me try that again.  
No, no, NO!  
Not exactly!  
not really  
Oh no! I made a mistake!  
Oh Phooey!  
Oh, man  
oops!  
Oops, that's not what I meant.  
run that by me again  
Say again!?  
that wasn't my final answer  
that wasn't very clear, let me try again  
That's not quite what I meant.  
that's not what I said  
Uh, oh!  
Wait, I screwed that one up, let me try again...  
What do you mean?  
What I meant was...  
Whoa, lets back up  
Yeah, you know what I'm saying. Not!

## Topic Closures / Transfers

Adios amigos!  
after while crock.  
And that's all that I have to say about that...  
(for Tom Hanks fans)  
By the way....  
Bye! Bye!  
Catch ya later!  
Chow baby  
Enough about that  
Gotta go!  
How are your your parents?  
I have to get going.  
I'll talk to you later.  
I'm outtie 5000, dude!  
It was great seeing you.  
It was nice to talk with you.  
It's been really cool talking to you. Later  
Dude.  
Later dude!  
later gator  
Later!  
Later, alligator!  
Let me tell you another story  
Let's change activities.  
Let's move on  
Let's talk about something else.  
Lets move on  
My ride's waiting.  
Never mind  
Nice chattin' with ya!  
Now let's talk about  
Okey dokey artichokey  
Se ya tomorrow.  
see ya later alligator  
see ya!  
See ya, wouldn't wanna be ya  
See you after lunch.  
So what else have you been up to?  
So, what's new with you?  
Take care!  
Talk to ya later  
Thanks for sharing!  
Thanks for spending time with me.  
Thanks for your help.  
That makes me think of something else.  
That reminds me of something else I did. . .  
That's all for now!  
Time sure flies  
Well, gotta go,  
What are your plans for tomorrow?  
what do you think?