**Episode 6: Making Small Talk**

Practice the words from this episode.  Once you’re done, watch the video again and see if you can identify the words and expressions.   Follow us on all our episodes where we discuss grammar points found on this worksheet.  Good Luck!

**A. Match the vocabulary with the correct definitions:**

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| 1. deer in headlights (idiom.)\_\_\_ 2. to be keen (adj.)\_\_\_ 3. pantomime (n.)\_\_\_ 4. mannerism (n.)\_\_\_ 5. taboo (adj.)\_\_\_ 6. to fall flat (phrase)\_\_\_ 7. game plan(n.) \_\_\_ 8. handy (adj.)\_\_\_ | 1. A drama where meaning is expressed through gestures 2. A strategy worked out in advance 3. A person in a state of anxiety, fear, surprise and has a shocked look on   their face.   1. To have interest in something 2. Useful 3. A usual way of speaking or behaving 4. Something that is forbidden or restricted 5. To fail to produce the intended effect |

**B. Use the vocabulary above to fill in the gaps:**

1. She was a really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student and was interested in every word the professor said.
2. When the child was caught stealing cookies, they froze like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was to make friends with everyone who could help him get a better position at the company.
4. It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to talk about death during Chinese New Year.
5. The comedian’s joke \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and instead of laughing the crowd was silent.
6. The actor I saw had a peculiar\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of speaking very slowly whenever he wanted people to laugh.

**C. Circle the words that collocate with TALK. (HINT: They can come before or after the word).**

distant straight show head carry small pillow

heart to heart confuse teenage wild cherish idle

**D. Unscramble these phrases:**

1. off/just/my/the/top/head/of/,/feel/I/that/ was/it/great.
2. take/what’s/on/that/your/?
3. familiar/with/I’m/not/that/,/interested/but/be/I’d/knowing/in/more

**E. Bonus question:  Identify each part of speech:**

In this sentence: “1) Putting a pause on 2)**texting**, 3)**tweeting** or 4)**instagramming** 5) *isn’t going* to kill you.”

**Answer Key:**

1. 1:C, 2:D, 3:A, 4:F, 5:G, 6:H, 7:B, 8:E
2. 1:keen, 2:deer in headlights, 3:game plan, 4:taboo, 5:fell flat, 6:mannerism
3. straight, show, small, pillow, heart to heart, wild, idle
4. 1) Just off the top of my head, I feel that it was great. 2) What’s your take on that?

3)I’m not familiar with that, but I’d be interested in knowing more

E. 1) Gerund phrase, 2-4) Gerunds, 5) verb *to go* in negative present continuous