

# If I had a magic wand I would...



- Name 1 thing you would change about yourself,
- 1 thing you would change about the world
- 1 thing you would give yourself

- If I had a magic wand I would make myself fatter. I think I'm too thin
- If I had a magic wand I would make everyone equal. That way there is no hunger in the world
- If I had a magic wand I would give myself an airplane so I could fly wherever I wanted for free.

# **Starting a conversation**

Today we will look at interesting ways to start a conversation with a stranger

# Breaking the ice

- To “break the ice” means to start a conversation



# Whats the best way to start a conversation with someone?

- A classmate?
- A cute boy/girl
- A customer

what about the worst way to start a conversation?

# How would you start a conversation in these situations?

- Guy: Nice dog! Whats his name?
- Girl: I like your dog's big ears.



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# .2-Minute Mixer

Have you ever heard of speed dating (约会)?



- Speed dating is an equal number of boys and girls go to a restaurant
- Every girl must meet every boy
- You talk for 5-10 minutes
- At the end of the night you can choose which person you like
- If that person also likes you, you get their phone number.



# Speed small talk

- Today we'll practice our small talk by talking to as many people in the class as possible
- Speak in English not Chinese.
- Good chance to speak for 20 minutes in English without having to listen to me!!



# Instructions

Pair up, and chat for 2 minutes with each other about the topic at hand.

- When 2 minutes are up, I'll tell you.
- Then everyone is to find a new partner and chat for the next 2 minutes.
- Don't talk to the same person twice.
- Mix well, not just your own table.
- Try to speak in English for 16 minutes.
- The goal is for you to practice speaking on different topics.

# Topics

1. The weather
2. Shopping
3. Sports
4. The opposite sex
5. Singers and music
6. Travel
7. School