



Speakers' Corner 2.0

English conversation in Herdecke · every second Tuesday of the month · 19:00 – 21:00 · free

Your English does not have to be perfect. You only have to talk. · *Dein Englisch muss nicht perfekt sein. Du musst nur reden.*

How the evening works *So läuft der Abend*

19:00	Small talk — arrive, get a drink, chat.	<i>Ankommen, plaudern. Keine Regeln.</i>
19:30	Theme of the evening — one topic for the whole table. See the theme sheet.	<i>Ein Thema für alle — siehe Themenblatt.</i>
20:00	My week — everyone tells a short story from their own life, 2–3 minutes each.	<i>Jede/r kommt dran.</i>
20:30	Open talk — anything you like, until 21:00.	<i>Offenes Reden.</i>

One house rule: in the theme round, everyone speaks once before anyone speaks twice. *Erst reden alle einmal, dann darf jemand ein zweites Mal.*

Small-talk starters *Für den Anfang*

"How was your day?" / "Busy week?"	<i>Wie war dein Tag? / Viel los diese Woche?</i>
"Have you been here before?"	<i>Warst du schon mal hier?</i>
"What do you do — for work, or for fun?"	<i>Was machst du beruflich — oder in der Freizeit?</i>
"Any plans for the weekend?"	<i>Pläne fürs Wochenende?</i>
"What are you drinking? Is it good?"	<i>Was trinkst du? Ist es gut?</i>

Giving an opinion *Meinung sagen*

"In my opinion ... " / "I think ... " / "I'm not sure, but ... "	<i>Meiner Meinung nach ... / Ich glaube ...</i>
"I agree — and ... " / "I see it differently: ... "	<i>Stimmt — und ... / Ich sehe das anders: ...</i>
"What worries me is ... " / "What I find interesting is ... "	<i>Was mich beunruhigt ... / Was ich interessant finde ...</i>
"For example, ... " / "On the other hand, ... "	<i>Zum Beispiel ... / Andererseits ...</i>
"What do you think, ...?" (say a name)	<i>Was meinst du, ...? — jemanden ins Gespräch holen</i>

When you get stuck *Wenn du hängen bleibst*

"Sorry, what's the English word for ... ?"	<i>Wie heißt ... auf Englisch?</i>
"Could you say that again, more slowly?"	<i>Kannst du das noch mal langsamer sagen?</i>
"I don't know how to say this, but ... "	<i>Ich weiß nicht, wie man das sagt, aber ...</i>
"Does that make sense?"	<i>Versteht ihr, was ich meine?</i>
"Let me try that again."	<i>Noch mal von vorn.</i>



My week *Meine Woche*

Tell a small story from yesterday or last week — 2 to 3 minutes. This is the part that really trains your English. Use the boxes to make notes before you speak. *Kurze Geschichte aus dem eigenen Leben. Notizen machen, dann sprechen.*

Something I did — “Last week I ...”, “On Saturday I finally ...”	<i>Etwas, das ich gemacht habe</i>
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Something I thought — “I was thinking about ...”, “It struck me that ...”	<i>Etwas, das ich gedacht habe</i>
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Something I said — “I told my ... that ...”, “I had an argument about ...”	<i>Etwas, das ich gesagt habe</i>
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How it ended — “In the end ...”, “So now I ...”	<i>Wie es ausging</i>
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Past tense helps: went, saw, made, had, took, said, thought, bought, met, tried, felt, forgot. Time words help: yesterday, last Tuesday, on the weekend, two days ago, this morning, then, after that, in the end.

Listening is talking too *Zuhören gehört dazu*

“Really? What happened then?”	<i>Echt? Und dann?</i>
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“How did you feel about that?”	<i>Wie ging es dir damit?</i>
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“That sounds ... (great / awful / typical).”	<i>Das klingt ... (toll / furchtbar / typisch).</i>
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“Same here.” / “That happened to me once, too.”	<i>Kenn ich. / Ist mir auch mal passiert.</i>
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English (only) please — “Or As you like it!”