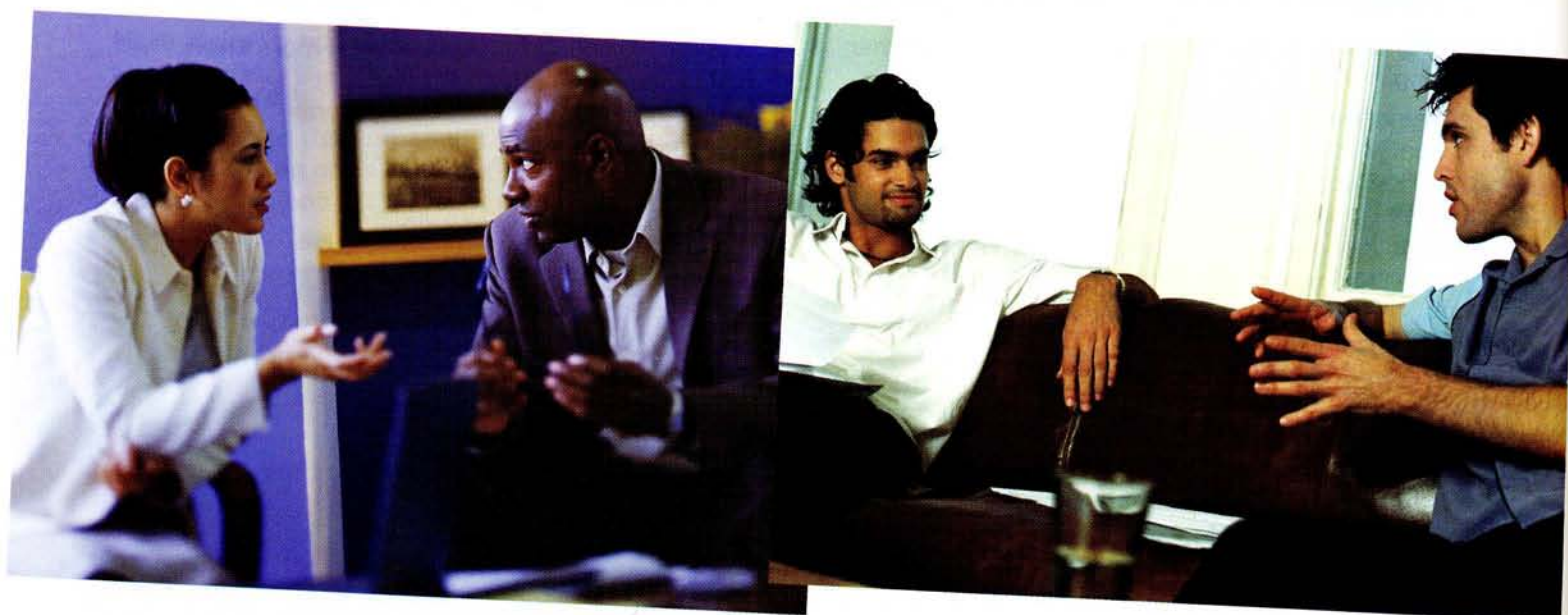




10 Starting conversations

The best way to begin a conversation is to ask questions.

	QUESTION	RESPONSE	
	Where are you from?	I'm from (Mexico).	
	Where do you come from?	I come from (Brazil).	
	How long have you been here?	I've been here since (January).	
	Have you been here long?	I've been here for (three days).	
	Where are you staying?	At the (Crowne Plaza Hotel).	
	When did you get here?	I got here (two days ago).	
	How long are you staying?	Until next (Sunday).	
	How long will you be staying?	For another (five days).	
	How do you like it here?	It's very (nice / interesting).	
	What do you think of (L.A.)?	I like it (very much / a lot).	
	What are you here for?	I'm (visiting customers).	
	Why are you here?	I'm (here on business).	
	Are you here on (business)?	I'm here (for the convention).	



1  1.26 Listen to Julie and Consuela, and check (✓) the questions in the table that you hear.

2  Look at the two photographs of people. Each choose a different person from one of the photographs. Then write imaginary facts about the person, that will answer the questions in the chart above. Don't show your list of facts to your partner.

3  Use your list of facts and ask and answer questions for each picture.

4 Invent a character. Write a list of facts about them in the same way.

5 Imagine you are that character. Circulate around the class and introduce yourself to others. Ask them questions about themselves. Answer questions about your imaginary character.

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