TALKING TO FOREIGNERS　( Andrew suggests .. )

1. Be polite and smile . Look at them .

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1. Ask questions . Don’t panic !
2. Try “ breaking the ice ” with ..

A . Cold, isn’t it ? ( Hot / Windy / Warm / Nice day .. )

B. Nice jacket ( shoes / dress / jersey )

C. Hello ( Hi / Good morning , afternoon , evening )

D. Good party , ah ? ( Nice / Great .. )

4. Most foreigners will talk about :( a) the weather (b) travel (c) sport (d) Japan (e) music

(f) languages (g) movies/ TV (h) food / drink (i) their home countries ( j) fashion

5. Rejoinders ( Really ? / I see / Oh dear ! ) { See separate print @ ‘ Andrewzgamez ’}

6. Ask for clarification , something like this ..

A. I’m sorry , what did you say ?

B. Could you say that again , please ?

C. Excuse me , could you say that once more ?

D. What does ‘ naninani ’ mean ?

E. Sorry , I don’t understand .

7. Follow-up questions . { See separate print @ ‘Andrewzgamez ’ }

Example : A foreigner tells a young Japanese person ( JP ) that he went to Osaka .

JP : How did you go ? / Who did you go with ? / What did you do there ?

Did you enjoy the trip ? / Was it your first time ? ..

8. Try “ turning the table ”, with ..

How about you? / What about you ? / And you ? ..

9. Give some additional information when answering – something that the

foreigner may then be able to make conversation about . Here’s an example :

Foreigner Fred ( F ) : “ Do you like English ? ” . JP1 : “ Yes ”. F: “ I see … ”.

JP2 : “ Yes , I want to travel in future. ” F: “ Really , Where to ? ” .

JP3 : “ Yes , I like American action movies ”. F : “ Do you have a favorite ? ” .

I would advise responding in the manner of JP2 or JP3 - not JP1.

10. If you begin to feel uncomfortable , perhaps look for a way out ,.. with :

A. Excuse me , I must use the bathroom .

B. My mobile phone is ringing – it’s on vibe .

C. I would like to get a drink .

D. I have to see someone .

E. I’m not feeling the best .

F. My friend is waiting .