

# The Networking Mixer

Formal and Informal Goodbyes

## PART 01 Warm-Up Activity

- How do you usually say goodbye to your boss? How is it different from saying goodbye to your best friend?
- Have you ever stayed too long at a party or meeting because you didn't know how to leave politely?

## PART 02 The Scenario

You are attending the "International Professionals Mixer." The room is full of different people: potential business partners, old friends, and casual acquaintances. You need to talk to as many people as possible, which means you must end conversations effectively and move on to the next person.

### The Guest List:

1. **Mr. Henderson:** A very formal CEO of a tech company. You want to work for him in the future.
2. **Sarah:** Your former coworker from five years ago. You haven't seen her in ages.
3. **Jamie:** A close friend who is also at the party. You are going to the same football game tomorrow.
4. **The Bartender:** You are just getting a drink and leaving the bar area.

### THE TASK & GOAL

Successfully navigate the party by starting and, more importantly, ending four different conversations using the appropriate level of formality.

1. Move around the room and "meet" different partners.
2. Identify the relationship (formal, informal, or making future plans).
3. Use at least one specific phrase from the useful language box to end the conversation.
4. Exchange contact details or make a plan if appropriate before leaving.

### ROLES & PERSPECTIVES

#### A: THE SOCIALITE

You are trying to network. You must speak to everyone but keep your conversations short (under 2 minutes). You must use formal language with the CEO and informal language with your friend.

#### B: THE CONTACT

You are one of the people on the Guest List. Respond to Student A based on your assigned persona (e.g., if you are Mr. Henderson, be polite but professional).

**REFERENCE** Useful Language

FORMAL GOODBYES	INFORMAL GOODBYES	MAKING FUTURE PLANS
It was a pleasure meeting you.	I'm off!	Great to catch up!
I look forward to seeing you.	Later! / See ya!	Let's do it again soon.
Thank you for your time.	Cheerio!	Catch you then!

**PLANNING & NOTES**

*Plan your dialogue here*

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**PART 03** Reflection

1. Which goodbye felt the most natural for you to use?
2. Did you find it harder to end a formal conversation or an informal one? Why?

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Target language practice.

## ⌚ TIME

30 MINS

## 📄 OBJECTIVE

Students will practice differentiating between formal and informal closing remarks in a social setting.

## 📖 GRAMMAR FOCUS

### GERUNDS AFTER FIXED EXPRESSIONS

- It was a pleasure meeting you
- I look forward to seeing you again
- It was good talking with you.

## 🗉 KEY VOCABULARY

CHEERIO

LATERS

I'M OFF

CATCH UP

ALL THE BEST

## Procedure

1. **Warmer (5 mins):** Ask students for different ways to say goodbye in their native language and if they have formal/informal distinctions.
2. **The Task (15 mins):** Set up the "Mixer." Divide the class into two groups. Group A stays seated (the "Contacts"), and Group B moves around (the "Socialites"). After 7 minutes, swap roles. Ensure they use the "Guest List" descriptions to choose the right level of formality.
3. **Feedback (10 mins):** Correct any errors regarding "Look forward to + [verb]-ing." Ask students which phrases they heard most often and which felt "too formal" or "too casual" for specific situations.