> Cue Card

Describe an interesting conversation you had with your friend

You should say:

· **Who you spoke with**

· **Where you were**

· **What the conversation was about**

· **And explain why you think it was interesting**

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If you are **sociable**, you enjoy spending time with other people and talking to them

to chat = to talk in a friendly and informal way, usually about things which are not serious

If something is **not (really) your thing**, you don't enjoy doing it very much

tedious = boring and tiring; not stimulating or interesting

If a memory or idea **springs to mind**, it comes quickly and easily into your head

If something **stands out**, it is much easier to see, think about or notice than other things

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to wander = to walk around slowly and in a relaxed way, without any clear purpose or direction

If you **bump into** somebody you know, you meet her/him without planning to

donkey's years = a very long time

A man with a **beard** has hair on the lower part of his face

A man with a **moustache** has hair on his face, above his top lip

If you **go bald**, you lose all the hair on the top of your head

If you ask somebody what they've been **up to**, you want to know news about their activities

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to turn out = to have a particular result; to become known, finally and perhaps surprisingly

stuff = things which somebody says or does

celebrities = people who are very famous and often appear in the media, especially because they work in the field of entertainment

natural disasters = events such as earthquakes, floods or tsunamis which kill and injure many people and which are not directly caused by humans

If you are **intrigued** by something, you think it is very interesting

If a fact **dawns on** you, you suddenly understand it after not understanding it for a period of time

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