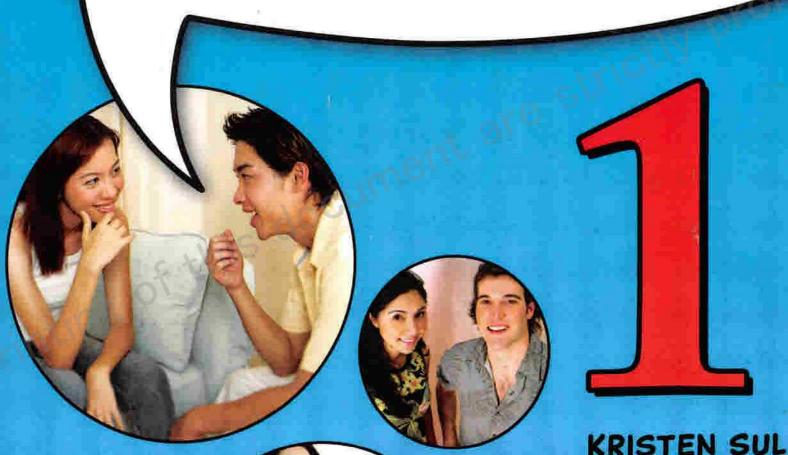
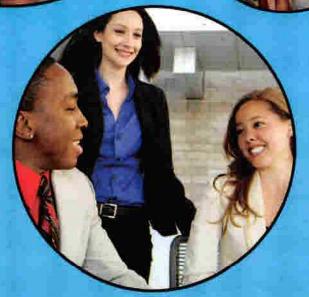
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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO IMPACT CONVERSATION

Impact Conversation offers a comprehensive learning experience and an inviting learning path — covering the areas that are crucial for any communicative language class. The course consists of 16 lively thematic units, with each unit featuring 5 different activities:

1. Conversation Starters

This opening activity is a lively exposure to *real* English. It features a variety of speakers, speaking styles, and World Englishes. The extracts, all introduced by the *Impact Conversation* hosts, Erik and Amy, feature personal, authentic content.

2. Building Fluency

This original conversation activity provides exposure to idiomatic chunks of colloquial language and practical activities for experimenting with new types of conversation.

3. Conversation Model

This visually appealing activity provides an enjoyable way to experiment with pronunciation, voice variations, and emotional expression. With its *manga* style presentation, students identify with characters in real settings, construct their own conversations, and stretch their oral language skills.

4. Let's Talk About It

This section is an inviting group activity that allows learners to communicate their own ideas. Featuring a variety of engaging activities — share-discuss, role plays, board games, and situational tasks — **Let's Talk About It** gives students a chance to activate all of the unit content and work on realistic use of language.

This section finishes with a "learning tip," presented by the hosts Erik and Amy, to further encourage reflection, and extension of learning beyond the classroom.

5. Language Awareness

Language Awareness, presented in the Appendix, offers a grammar review and vocabulary expansion activity based on the scripts of the **Conversation Starters** activity. Language Awareness, which is done with the accompanying Self-Study CD, encourages students to tune into *spoken* English, accessing learning opportunities that aren't available in most listening exercises.

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Teacher Support

To use *Impact Conversation* with your classes, we encourage you to take advantage of the Online Teacher's Manual, available for you on the *Impact Conversation* website www.impactseries.com/conversation.

The manual offers lesson plans and tips to help you make decisions that are appropriate for your students' needs and that cater to your own teaching interests and strengths. The Teacher's Manual also provides unit tests, semester tests, and final tests to help you assess your students' progress.

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We hope that you will take advantage of the learning path that *Impact Conversation* provides, to create a unique learning experience for your students that is both fun and valuable.

INTRODUCTION

HOW TO USE IMPACT CONVERSATION

CONVERSATION STARTERS

(1) 20 minutes



Build the atmosphere of the unit

Listen to the Impact Conversation friends easy listening focus on main ideas

After completing this activity, students have a strong emotional connection

to the topic.



Try the extra activities expand listening strategies

BUILDING FLUENCY

15 minutes



Learn new expressions

Learn vocabulary as collocations

Practice using chunks of language

Develop grammar awareness Now your students feel comfortable practicing functional language.



CONVERSATION MODEL

15 minutes



Hear a dramatic performance

Play with the language



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

(1) 20 minutes

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT WILL

Think and plan

Express personal ideas and feelings

Focus on improving

Students feel satisfied they have used English for real conversations.

Summarize and comment



LANGUAGE AWARENESS

30 minutes (homework)



Review with Self-Study CD * study the script

Expand grammar and vocabulary



Students gain confidence when they review.

SHOW YOUR ENTHUSIASM.

HOW TO BECOME A BETTER

SAY WHAT YOU REALLY THINK.

USE YOUR REAL EMOTIONS.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

OF HUMOR.

LISTEN A LOT.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.

KEEP YOUR GOALS IN MIND.

KEEP EXPANDING YOUR VOCABULARY.

> SHOW INTEREST IN OTHER PEOPLE.

> > DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES.

ASK WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

TELL INTERESTING STORIES.

> LEARN POLITE CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES.

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Friends talk about where they're from.

Building Fluency

Asking personal questions; personal information

Conversation Model

Hey, I know you. - Cut and blend sounds

Let's Talk About It: Who are you?

Ask and answer questions to learn more about each other.

Conversation Starters: Watching Movies

Friends talk about their movie watching preferences.

Building Fluency

Expressing preferences; verb phrases — lifestyle

Conversation Model

You really love movies, don't you? — Stress the important words

Let's Talk About It: What do you prefer?

Ask and answer questions about entertainment preferences.

Conversation Starters: Opinions About Art

Friends comment on various art objects.

Building Fluency

Expressing criticism; adjectives — describing things

Conversation Model

What do you think of this? — Change your voice tone

Let's Talk About It: Which ones do you like?

Rate and choose art works for an art exhibition.

Conversation Starters: Family Descriptions Friends talk about unusual family members.

Building Fluency

Asking about family; verb and adjectives phrases — behaviors & characteristics

Conversation Model

What's she like? - Blend sounds

Let's Talk About It: What's your family like?

Share details about your family members.

Conversation Starters: What are you afraid of?

Friends talk about things they are afraid of.

Building Fluency

Describing fears; nouns and verb phrases — fears

Conversation Model

I'm terrified of flying. — Stretch the sounds Let's Talk About It: Are you scared?

Talk about your fears in a board game activity.

Conversation Starters: Getting to Work

Friends talk about their commute.

Building Fluency

Complaining & dealing with complainers; adjective & verb phrases - complaining

Conversation Model

It's so boring. — Stress words for emphasis

Let's Talk About It: What do you hate?

Discuss "everyday complaints."

Conversation Starters: Did you hear about...?

Friends recall close call experiences.

Building Fluency

Beginning a story; verb phrases — dangerous events

Conversation Model

Guess what happened! — Change sounds

Let's Talk About It: What's your story?

Create a "close shave" story based on photographs.

Conversation Starters: Health Habits

Friends talk about their good and bad health habits.

Building Fluency

Making excuses; adjective, verb and noun phrases — excuses

Conversation Model

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Building Fluency
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Conversation Model

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Use a time line to share big life events.

Conversation Starters: Going Shopping

Friends negotiate a shopping trip.

Building Fluency

Making suggestions; verb phrases — free time activities

Conversation Model

What's so bad about that? — Stress and stretch words to show feeling

Let's Talk About It: What do you do in your free time?

Share free time preferences and practice inviting.

Conversation Starters: Things You Miss

Friends talk about study experiences abroad.

Building Fluency

Expressing personal needs; noun phrases — things people miss

Conversation Model

I really miss my mom's cooking. — Don't stress short and unimportant words

Let's Talk About It: Can you live without it?

Discuss things you are attached to — could you live without them?

Conversation Starters: Making Plans

Friends discuss who to invite and who not to invite to social events.

Building Fluency

Passing judgement; verb phrases — negative behaviors

Conversation Model

Yeah, tell me about it! — Cut sounds

Let's Talk About It: Will you invite them?

Evaluate acceptable and unacceptable behavior.

Conversation Starters: First Impressions

Friends discuss cultural stereotypes.

Building Fluency

Agreeing and disagreeing; adjectives — describing people

Conversation Model

What makes you say that? — Use rising intonation for declarative questions

Let's Talk About It: Do you have any stereotypes?

Discuss stereotypes about your own country.

Conversation Starters: Cooking Skills

Friends talk about their cooking abilities.

Building Fluency

Expressing ability; verb phrases — common skills

Conversation Model

I'm hopeless! — Use tone for sarcasm

Let's Talk About It: Who can do it best?

Identify your abilities and create a volunteer list for a class party.

Conversation Starters: Lucky Experiences

Friends talk about their unexpected good luck experiences.

Building Fluency

Congratulating and expressing jealousy; verb phrases — lucky events

Conversation Model

Good for you! - Use a high tone to sound friendly

Let's Talk About It: How lucky are you?

Talk about lucky and unlucky events in a board game activity.

Conversation Starters: Goals and Dreams

Friends talk about their dream jobs.

Building FluencyExpressing hopes and desires; adjective and verb phrases — common goals

and desires

Conversation Model

In your dreams! - Stress words for emphasis

Let's Talk About It: What would you wish for?

Identify and discuss your top 5 wishes.

MEET YOUR IMPACT CONVERSATION FRIENDS







