

B1

SMALL TALK & NETWORKING

DIALOG · 3 MIN.

Talking About Your Journey to a Trade Fair · *Podcast*

Small talk at the trade fair stand: chatting about the journey, keeping the conversation going — and saying goodbye correctly.

Listen to the episode +
comprehension test:

<https://www.englisch-lehrer.com/podcasts/talking-about-your-journey-to-a-trade-fair>

NAME

DATE

BRICK 1 · LEARN THE KEY PHRASES



Read the eight phrases with meaning and example. You will hear all of them in the episode.

ENGLISH	DEUTSCH	EXAMPLE
stand	Messestand	<i>Visit us at our stand in hall seven.</i>
journey	Anreise / Reise	<i>How was your journey — train or car?</i>
to be stuck	feststecken / festsitzen	<i>We were stuck in traffic for an hour.</i>
flight	der Flug	<i>My flight to Berlin was delayed by two hours.</i>
so far	bisher / bis jetzt	<i>So far, the fair has been a great success.</i>
worth the trip	die Reise wert	<i>The conference was definitely worth the trip.</i>
promising	vielversprechend	<i>We collected some very promising leads today.</i>
to run on time	pünktlich fahren / laufen	<i>I hope the trains run on time tonight.</i>

BRICK 2 · FILL THE GAPS



Complete the missing word from the conversation.

we see us

see you

we look us

we meet us

worth

worthy

value

valued

- 01 Four o'clock works. Then we see us — sorry, then _____ at four!
- 02 Anyway, how is the fair going for you so far? Is it _____ the trip?

BRICK 3 · TRUE OR FALSE?



Tick one. T = true, F = false.

- 01 Mark drove to Cologne from Munich. T ☐ F ☐
- 02 Stefan and Mark agree to meet for a coffee at four o'clock. T ☐ F ☐

BRICK 4 · ORDER



Number the steps of the conversation (1–5).

- 01 ☐ They agree to meet for coffee at four
- 02 ☐ Stefan describes his delayed train journey
- 03 ☐ They talk about how the fair is going so far
- 04 ☐ Mark welcomes Stefan to the stand
- 05 ☐ Mark tells the story of his lost taxi driver

BRICK 5 · YOUR VERSION



Write two sentences of your own using phrases from Brick 1.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I can announce a delay politely.
- ☐ I can propose an alternative.
- ☐ I can promise written confirmation.

Listened twice and ticked everything? Then you are ready for the real conversation.

Cut-out flashcards

× Cut out, fold on the line – English in front, German on the back. Or practise digitally:

<https://www.englisch-lehrer.com/podcasts/talking-about-your-journey-to-a-trade-fair>

stand

Visit us at our stand in hall seven.

Messestand

journey

How was your journey — train or car?

Anreise / Reise

to be stuck

We were stuck in traffic for an hour.

feststecken / festsitzen

flight

My flight to Berlin was delayed by two hours.

der Flug

so far

So far, the fair has been a great success.

bisher / bis jetzt

worth the trip

The conference was definitely worth the trip.

die Reise wert

promising

We collected some very promising leads today.

vielversprechend

to run on time

I hope the trains run on time tonight.

pünktlich fahren / laufen

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why**.

BRICK 2 · FILL THE GAPS

01 **see you**

"Wir sehen uns" is never translated word for word. Correct is "see you (at four / tomorrow / soon)" — "we see us" is a classic Germanism.

02 **worth**

"Worth" goes directly before the noun: "worth the trip", "worth the money". "Worthy" means "deserving" and does not fit here.

BRICK 3 · TRUE OR FALSE?

01 **False**

False — Mark flew in from Munich yesterday evening.

02 **True**

True — Mark suggests a coffee around four and Stefan confirms that four o'clock works.

BRICK 4 · ORDER

- 01 **1.** Mark welcomes Stefan to the stand
- 02 **2.** Stefan describes his delayed train journey
- 03 **3.** Mark tells the story of his lost taxi driver
- 04 **4.** They talk about how the fair is going so far
- 05 **5.** They agree to meet for coffee at four

KEEP PRACTISING LIVE

Want to practise these phrases in a real conversation?

Online lessons with real teachers — English training since 2004 · Berlin · Hanover
· Online.

CALL US

+49 511 95733819