Socialising and networking

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each socialising word with its meaning.

1 mingle ____	**a** to move around a party talking to different people
2 acquaintance ____	**b** someone you know but not very well
3 small talk ____	**c** light, informal conversation about unimportant topics
4 host ____	**d** to organise and welcome people to an event
5 introduce ____	**e** to present one person to another for the first time
6 hang out ____	**f** to spend casual time with friends
7 catch up ____	**g** to talk with someone to hear their recent news
8 guest ____	**h** a person invited to an event
9 get-together ____	**i** a small, informal social event
10 break the ice ____	**j** to say or do something to make people feel comfortable

2 Choose the correct form.

1 She mingles / mingle easily at parties.
2 We often hang out / hang up together.
3 He hosted / host a dinner party last week.
4 Let me introduce you to / with my friend.
5 We caught up / caught on over coffee.
6 She made small talk / small chat with her neighbour.
7 They invited / invite ten guests.
8 He broke the ice / broke ice with a joke.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

acquaintance | break the ice | catch up | get-together | guests | hang out | host | small talk

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Ana: She loves to 1 _____ parties and always invites lots of
2 _____.
Leon: He is more of an 3 _____ than a close friend, but they still like to
4 _____ sometimes.
Mia: She's shy, so she uses a joke to 5 _____ at parties, even though she finds
6 _____ difficult.
Sam and Leo: They meet for a small 7 _____ every month to
8 _____ on each other's news.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 sociable ____	**a** shy
2 outgoing ____	**b** unfriendly
3 friendly ____	**c** quiet
4 talkative ____	**d** guest
5 host ____	**e** close friend
6 acquaintance ____	**f** keep to yourself
7 mingle ____	**g** uninviting-behaviour
8 invite ____	**h** exclude

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A networking event

Lucia went to a networking event last week, hoping to meet new people in her industry. At first, she felt shy, but she used a question about the food to break the ice with a stranger. They made small talk before discovering they had a mutual friend. Lucia mingled with several other guests during the evening and exchanged contact details with three new acquaintances. She left feeling more confident about networking.

1 Lucia went to a networking event. T / F

2 She felt confident from the start. T / F

3 She used a question to break the ice. T / F

4 They had nothing in common. T / F

5 Lucia only spoke to one person all evening. T / F

6 She exchanged contact details with new people. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (with, to, up, at).

1 She mingled _____ the other guests.

2 Let me introduce you _____ my friend.

3 We caught _____ over lunch.

4 He is good _____ small talk.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of a social event you attended or would like to attend. Include who you met and how you felt.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and positive.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Socialising words

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 mingles 2 hang out 3 hosted 4 to 5 caught up 6 small talk 7 invited 8 broke the ice

3 Descriptions

1 host 2 guests 3 acquaintance 4 hang out 5 break the ice 6 small talk 7 get-together 8 catch up

4 Opposites

1 a 2 c 3 b 4 c... note: adjust 4 to 'quiet' already used, use unique
1 a 2 c 3 b 4 f 5 d 6 e 7 h 8 g

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - she felt shy at first.
3 T
4 F - they had a mutual friend.
5 F - she mingled with several guests.
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 with 2 to 3 up 4 at

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and positive wording.