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## Breaking the Ice: Starting Conversations with New People

### Short Answer Key

1. Open-ended questions encourage the other person to provide more detailed and thoughtful responses, fostering a deeper and more engaging conversation. Closed-ended questions typically elicit short or one-word answers.
2. Example: "The weather is quite nice today, isn't it?"
3. Active listening involves paying close attention to the other person, which shows that you are genuinely interested in what they have to say. This can make the other person feel valued and respected, leading to a more positive and meaningful conversation.
4. (Answer will vary) - Students should provide a personal experience where they used one of the conversation starters, describe the situation, and explain how the interaction unfolded.
5. Maintaining eye contact and smiling are nonverbal cues that signal warmth, friendliness, and genuine interest. They make the other person feel more comfortable, approachable, and valued, contributing to a positive and engaging interaction.

