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Breaking the Ice: Starting Conversations with New People

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Answer will vary) - Students should discuss the importance of patience in becoming skilled at starting conversations, provide strategies for developing patience (e.g., practicing mindfulness, reframing awkward moments as learning experiences), and offer insights into how they would handle initial awkwardness.
2. (Answer will vary) - Students should create a script for a conversation starter tailored to a networking event, including a greeting, introduction, and a topic that relates to their field or common interests.
3. (Answer will vary) - Students should share a personal challenging experience, describe the situation, discuss the lessons learned, and explain how they would apply those lessons to handle a similar situation more effectively in the future.
4. (Answer will vary) - Students should discuss the long-term benefits of mastering the skill of starting conversations, including improved personal relationships, expanded professional networks, increased self-confidence, and various opportunities for personal and career growth. They should provide insights into how these benefits can positively impact their lives.

