

TIPS FOR JOINING A CONVERSATION

Want to join in a conversation but not sure how?

Joining a conversation can be hard for anyone, whether it's in-person or online. Here are a few ideas.

- 1. Plan ahead.** Think about general topics that might be of interest.



For example, if you're going to a party after a football game, be ready with a few things to say about football.

- 2. Listen.** Before talking, take some time to listen to what the group is talking about. That way you can add comments that make sense.



For example, while at the party you hear people talking about the football game.

- 3. Be positive.** When someone in the group says something, respond with a positive comment.



Bob: That football game was excellent.
You: *Yeah, it really was.*

- 4. Be helpful.** If someone asks a question and you know the answer, say it.

Bob: Does anyone know who the Packers are playing next week?

You: *Yeah, I think it is Cincinnati.*