

## How Was The Party?

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A: Hey sis how was the party, did you have fun?

B: Umm not really. I always feel so awkward at parties and this one was no different. **I can never find common ground with people** so we have nothing to talk about. I can never get the conversation going.

A: Well forget about common ground- maybe you are making people feel uncomfortable because you are a close talker.

B: What do you mean?

A: Well you always stand so close to people when you talk to them. It might work when you travel to different parts of the world, but around here people hate that. **You have to let them have their personal space, their personal bubble.**

B: Well jeez I have never really thought about it, but I guess I *do* do that.

### Key Vocabulary Phrases

1. **I can never find common ground with people**
2. **You have to let them have their personal bubble**
3. **Try to have at least an arm's length between you and the other person**
4. **...especially when you meet up with some acquaintances, you have to stop doing that.**
5. **Maybe that's why that guy, so-and-so, walked away from you**

A: **Try to leave at least an arm's length between you and the other person** and see if things go differently next time.

B: Hmm, maybe I'll try that.

A: I mean, maybe you can get away with it when you are around friends- *maybe*- but **especially when you just meet up with some acquaintances, you have to stop doing that.**

B: Oh my gosh why didn't you tell me about this before?

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**1. I can never find common ground with people**

**2. You have to let them have their personal bubble**

**3. Try to have at least an arm's length between you and the other person**

**4. ...especially when you meet up with some acquaintances, you have to stop doing that.**

**5. Maybe that's why that guy- so-and-so, walked away from you**

A: **Maybe that's why that guy – so-and-so, walked away** from you in the middle of the conversation at that party last month. I know you were interested in him, but I think he was intimidated by you.

A: Yeah, that must be it.

B: Just try to be more aware of how you present yourself and you'll have an easier time at these events.

A: Cool, thanks for the tip.