***VOA NEWS* Small Talk Activity**

**Instructions** – Listen to the small talk video. Answer the following questions.

1. Why do we need small talk in business or social settings?

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1. What are the two goals of small talk?

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1. Complete the sentences: Good small talk topics are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Bad small talk topics are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| **Good Small Talk Topics:** | **Sample Sentences:** |
| a) |  |
| b) |  |
| c) |  |
| d) |  |
| e) |  |

1. Fill in the following chart:
2. Choose two topics from the chart. Make your own sample sentences:

**Small Talk Topic 1:**

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**Small Talk Topic 2:**

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NOTE: Based on information found in small talk video from <http://learningenglish.voanews.com/section/activities/2384.html>