

# WHERE DO WE START?? - CONVERSATION PROMPTS TO USE WHEN MAKING LOCAL FRIENDS IN MADRID

Finding ways to start a friendly conversation with someone you may think you have little in common with can be hard, but fear not! Below, find a list of conversation prompt ideas, divided into different categories to bring up whenever you find yourself wanting to expand your social circle in Madrid.

## 1. Talk about life back home!

- a. Your city, what are the popular things to do there
- b. Where you went to school, and what you studied
- c. Your family and pets
- d. Favorite hobbies
- e. Previous jobs you've had

## 2. What you're most excited about while being in Madrid

- a. Places you want to see
- b. Places they suggest you to see - they might even offer to take you!  
That's how I saw parts of the country, they offered to take me on weekend trips to visit their cities or towns.
- c. Things you've seen already
- d. What are some of the must try food items to try
- e. Restaurant recommendations
- f. Public transportation

## 3. Ask them about their lives

- a. Do they live nearby?
- b. Have they always lived there?
- c. Do they have family in other parts of Spain?
- d. Do they like to travel? Where have they been? Where do they recommend to travel to next?
- e. What are some festivals and events that they think you should participate in?
- f. Ask them what their town/city is most widely known for - food item, monument, historical occurrence?

This isn't an exhaustive list, but I am sure that once you start using some of these talking points, you'll start to see things that you have in common with and things that you don't, and that will be where you can both get to know each other specifically to where the conversation is going. Yay for friends!