

Conversation Prompts
(Unit 9, page 101: Conversation Starter)

Take a minute to review the Conversation Snapshot on page 100 and the language below. Then close your book and role-play the situation you chose or choose another one, speculating about what you think happened.

Start like this:
"I wonder ___."

NEED HELP? Here's language you already know:

<p><u>Responding</u></p> <p>I'm sure it's nothing. You're probably right. Don't tell me you buy that! You're such a skeptic! I don't think so. Get out of here! There's no such thing as ___. You have a wild imagination! Seeing is believing! You can't believe everything you hear. Well, I hate to say it, but ___. Sounds like ___. Well, to tell you the truth, ___. You could say the same thing about ___. Well, for one thing, ___.</p>	<p><u>Asking questions</u></p> <p>Do you think ___? Why else would ___? Who's to say ___? How else [<i>would / could</i>] you explain ___? What on earth ___? Can you believe ___? Don't you think ___ might be ___? What's with ___?</p>																				
<p><u>Commenting</u></p> <p>I actually think ___. I can't get over how ___. [<i>Everyone says / They say</i>] ___. ___ might turn out to be ___. Had I known, ___. Check out ___. Believe it or not, ___. I can't believe ___.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expressing different levels of certainty</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Clearly ___.</td> <td style="width: 50%;">It's possible ___.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>It's obvious ___.</td> <td>It could be ___.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>There's no question ___.</td> <td>Beats me.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I guess ___.</td> <td>I can't imagine.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I imagine ___.</td> <td>I don't have a clue.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I suppose ___.</td> <td>I have no idea.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Most likely ___.</td> <td>You got me.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Probably ___.</td> <td>Who knows?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I'll bet ___.</td> <td>Your guess is as good as mine.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maybe ___.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Clearly ___.	It's possible ___.	It's obvious ___.	It could be ___.	There's no question ___.	Beats me.	I guess ___.	I can't imagine.	I imagine ___.	I don't have a clue.	I suppose ___.	I have no idea.	Most likely ___.	You got me.	Probably ___.	Who knows?	I'll bet ___.	Your guess is as good as mine.	Maybe ___.	
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