**Discourse Strategies**
(Unit 10, page 119)

**Showing interest and surprise with short-form questions and statements**

A. Use these short “tag”-like questions and statements to show interest and encourage further discussion. Practice saying each.

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<th>To show interest</th>
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<td>use short-form questions with rising intonation</td>
<td>use emphatic questions with rising intonation</td>
<td>use negative statements with falling intonation</td>
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<td>IS it? DID you?</td>
<td>They DID? It HAD?</td>
<td>You HADn’t! It DID’n’t!</td>
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<td>WERE they? WOULD he?</td>
<td>They COULdn’t?</td>
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B. Pair Work. Take turns reading the prompts below and using short form questions and statements to show interest and surprise.

**Student A begins**

A: I was out late last night and the streets were deserted.
B: (Show interest.)
A: Yeah, it was strange!

A: My brother would always go skiing.
B: (Show interest.)
A: Yes, there was a ski resort nearby.

A: The rest of the group couldn’t hear my shouts!
B: (Show surprise.)
A: No! I didn’t know what to do!

A: And the bungee cord had started to tear!
B: (Show surprise.)
A: Yes, it was terrifying!

A: And I had forgotten to tell anyone where I was going.
B: (Show strong surprise.)
A: Yeah, it was really dumb!

**Student B begins**

B: I went snorkeling in the Gulf of Mexico.
A: (Show interest.)
B: Yeah, it was great—beautiful fish.

B: It’s a popular place for surfers in Hawaii.
A: (Show interest.)
B: Yeah, the waves can be very exciting.

B: And the crabs started crawling over my sleeping bag.
A: (Show surprise.)
B: Yeah, it was scary.

B: She was falling off the edge of the cliff!
A: (Show strong surprise.)
B: Yes, she was!

B: And the shark turned and swam right towards me—fast!
A: (Show strong surprise.)
B: Yes! I started to panic!

C. Now practice using short-form questions and statements as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 119.