

LESSON 2 Three Tips for Maintaining a Conversation

① The ability to maintain a conversation is essential in our daily life. Many people today,
形容詞的用法「～ための」

however, prefer to communicate as briefly as possible, for example, on social networks.
prefer to do 「～することを好む」 できるだけ簡潔に

They are often not good at ① speaking face-to-face and ② keeping up a good conversation. Here
be good at -ing 「～することが得意である」 ☆①と②の二つのことが得意ではない

are three simple but effective techniques to change the situation.
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② The first technique is repeating. If your friend says, “I went to the sea yesterday,” do
動名詞「～すること」

not just say, “ah” or “uh-huh.” Repeat their words: “Really! You went to the sea!” They
will feel [that you are paying attention to them]. The second technique is asking a question
that 以下のことを感じる 動名詞「～すること」

like, “Did you enjoy swimming there?” They will feel that you are interested in [what they
～のような enjoy -ing 「～することを楽しむ」 彼らが言ったこと

said]. The third technique is making a comment such as, “Oh, I went to the sea recently,
動名詞「～すること」 例えば～のような

too.” As you explain the details, maybe they will ask you a new question. This allows the
～すると(する時) SVOO 第4文型

conversation to develop and continue.

allow 人(物) to do 「人(物)が～するのを許す」 → 会話が発展して続くのを許す(可能にする)

③ Having a conversation is like playing catch. Do not just say your opinion. Listen to
動名詞「～すること」 ～のような 動名詞「～すること」

the other person and respond to them. The next time you talk to someone, try these three
次に～するとき

techniques: repeating, asking, and commenting.