

Exit Strategies: You got into conversation, but how do you get



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- Time's up: Oh, I see Susi. Have you met her? Let me introduce you...
- Other person is clearly not interested: Oops! Sorry, I didn't mean to bore you. Can I get you something from the bar?
- Someone who is boring you: I'd love to hear more about that later, but... (use strategies for "It's been nice chatting...")
- The monosyllabic: The person only answers very briefly and doesn't know how to converse. "Well, it's been nice meeting you. I think I'll grab a drink."
- Empty tank (can't think of more conversation ideas): We've been talking for a while. I'll let you meet some other people. Thanks for taking so much time with me!
- Quick exit: I've really enjoyed chatting with you. We'll talk more later.
- Time to move on: It's been interesting chatting about that movie... I'm going to put it on my "must see" list. ... I think I'll see what they have in the way of snacks.
- Quit while you're ahead: It looks like the buffet isn't quite so busy now. I think I'll get something to eat. Thanks for the interesting chat.
- Don't want to stop, but not sure if he/she would like a break: I could really use a cup of coffee. Shall we head for the coffee corner?
- Thirsty: Would you excuse me? I need to refresh my drink/I should probably take my glass to the kitchen. Thanks for the interesting chat.
- Nature calls: It's been great talking with you. Do you happen to know where the restroom is? Thanks! See you later.
- Silence is golden: Don't get trapped in more conversation by filling the silence.