We are happy to announce that our daily English Conversation Groups have gone virtual!

Join us on Zoom for a daily conversation to check in, connect with other international students, and practice your English conversational skills. The Zoom calls take place Monday through Friday from 12:30-1:30 PM, and are facilitated by a volunteer Tuesday through Friday. Use the dial in details below and we hope to see you online!

Zoom Guidelines for English Conversation Groups
Setting Up & Using the Platform

- **Zoom** [1] is a conference platform available online or over the phone. We will be using Zoom to continue our English Conversation Groups virtually for the rest of the spring semester.
- To join the Zoom call, you can join via computer or phone. If possible, we recommend everyone to join using your computer with a webcam, so you can stay connected to the group virtually.
- These Zoom meetings are scheduled for Monday through Friday from 12:30-1:30pm, and you will use the same login information below every day.
  - **Join with your computer (recommended):** [https://yale.zoom.us/j/2034322305](https://yale.zoom.us/j/2034322305) [2]
  - **Join with your phone:** 203-432-9666 (2-ZOOM if on-campus) or 646-568-7799. You will be asked to enter a **Meeting ID** which is: 203 432 2305
  - The first time you join the Zoom call on your computer, you may be asked to download Zoom on your computer. This typically only takes a few minutes but give yourself some time before the call to get this set-up.
- **Watch this short video for helpful tips** [3] on using the platform and joining with video and audio.
- **Watch this video to learn more about Zoom controls** [4] and how to best use the system.
- **Find more video instructions for using Zoom here** [5].

Group Guidelines:

- When you join the call, make sure to **put yourself on mute** (either on your computer or on your phone). This will help to keep background noise to a minimum. Just remember to unmute yourself whenever you speak (see videos above for guidance). We suggest wearing earbuds or headphones to avoid feedback and echoes.
- **When the group has an English Conversation Facilitator**, they will help to lead the call and direct conversation.
- **When the group does not have a Facilitator**, please use this time to check-in on one another and pick a topic to discuss. Please make sure everyone has a chance to talk throughout the conversation.
- If everyone joins with a computer, Zoom has a chat function that you can use to ask questions or “raise your hand” to speak next. If everyone joins via video, you can also physically raise your hand, that way participants aren’t speaking over one another.

Questions? Contact Assistant Director of Programs: molly.hampton@yale.edu [6].

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[1] https://zoom.us/ent?zcid=2582
[2] https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fyale.zoom.us%252Fj%252F2034322305%26sa%3DD%26usd%3D2%26usg%3D0AFQjO4GQOoQGRQ6EpWb5554n2F9gPkbO54Sjbg&amp;amp;data=02%7C01%7Cmolly.hampton%40yale.edu%7Cdfb52e7771e4e579f6608d7ced88e9%7Cdd8cbeeb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C0%7C637203081216818834%7Cdata=nEN9F1IrvgE7MkdodQvwyNtIBXZCNj5UFUt8sCE%2FQo%3D&amp;amp;reserved=0
[3] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s76QHshQnY&amp;amp;feature=youtu.be
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