



# Pass The Topics: The Subject Matter of First Impressions

## COMMON MISCOMMUNICATIONS

<i>If You Do This:</i>	<i>You May Think You Seem:</i>	<i>But You May Seem:</i>	<i>Do I Do This?</i>		
			Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
Listen, but don't add topics to the conversation	Interested, thoughtful	Dull, self-involved			
Focus only on one topic	Passionate	Boring, self-absorbed, lacking in curiosity			
Deliver a lecture on something you know a lot about	Smart, interesting	Bombastic, boring, self-absorbed			
Tell long stories about people or events	Interesting, passionate, sharing	Dull, tedious, boring			
Introduce topics with the goal of convincing others of your way of thinking	Enlightened, smart, passionate	Closed-minded, rigid, controlling			
Dominate the conversation with jokes and humor	Entertaining, lively, funny	Tedious, draining			
Talk about "charged" topics, such as salaries or religion	Passionate, interesting	Insensitive, offensive			
Talk about banalities—details and specifics	Passionate, engaged, informative	Boring, tedious			