



# Small Talk Phrasal Verbs

## Audio transcript

### From English with a Twist

**Shanthi:** Hello Jack. Sorry for being so late. Have you been waiting long?

**Jack:** Not too long. About half an hour.

**Shanthi:** Oh I am so sorry about that. I was just walking out of the door when I was called by my boss, who wanted to introduce me to a long-standing client of the firm's.

**Jack:** No problem at all. It gave me a chance to catch up with some emails.

What would you like? An espresso, cappuccino or latte?

**Shanthi:** I think I'll have a cappuccino.

**Jack:** That'll be one cappuccino and an espresso macchiato for me, thanks. So, how's it going?

**Shanthi:** Oh you know, same old, same old....

**Jack:** How do you mean?

**Shanthi:** Well, you know we're working on this new rail project? Well, we've been putting in hours and hours of work and we don't seem to be getting anywhere.

**Jack:** In what way, you're not getting anywhere?

**Shanthi:** The other side are insisting on double pay at the weekends for their employees and they simply won't give up their demands.

**Jack:** And that's something that's unacceptable for your clients?

**Shanthi:** Oh yes, they will not give in to bully tactics. Anyway, I don't want to talk about it. Let's change the subject.



By the way, did you pick up the message I left you about the Deighton case?

**Jack:** Yes, I did. I'm sorry I meant to get back to you.

**Shanthi:** Well, what do you think? Do you think we could work something out?

**Jack:** In terms of what exactly?

**Shanthi:** Well, in terms of whether your firm would be prepared to step in should we need?

**Jack:** I can't see that it would be a problem but I'll need to run this by my managing partner.

**Shanthi:** If you could do that sooner rather than later, I'd appreciate it.

**Jack:** I'll see what I can do.

**Shanthi:** Great. Now you set this meeting up, what can I do for you?

**Jack:** Well, I was wondering if you could put in a good word for me at the next AGM?

**Shanthi:** Of course, I could. After all, what are good friends for if we can't stick up for each other?

**Jack:** Oh, thanks so much. I really didn't know who I could turn to.

**Shanthi:** You can always count on (depend on) me.

**Jack:** You're not only a great client, you're a real friend!

PHRASAL VERB	MEANING
called in	Asked to attend a meeting.
catch up	Do something that should be done.
putting in	giving
give up	abandon
give in	surrender



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pick up	receive
get back to	Reply
work something out	agree
step in	Take someone's place.
run this by	tell
set up	arrange
put in a good word	Say something positive.
stick up for	support
turn to	Get help from.
count on	Depend on.