



INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION
SEMESTER 3

PRETENTIOUS PEOPLE

LESSON 017



TABLE TOPIC



Do any hobbies or people annoy you because they seem too self-important?

Now, create one table topic of your own. Think of something creative, fun, and thought-provoking.



VOCABULARY



pretentious: trying to be impressive or sophisticated about a hobby/topic/etc by pretending it's greater than it is

My friend Bob is so pretentious. He always talks about poetry to impress people, but poetry isn't THAT special!

pompous: annoyingly self-important

Your boyfriend is a pompous jerk. He thinks he's the smartest, most exciting, most handsome guy in the world.

jargon: special words or expressions for a group of people, business, or hobbyists

Wine tasters have the strangest jargon. They're very pretentious.

snob: a person who believes their preferences/tastes/likes/etc are superior to everyone else

I have to admit, I'm a music snob. I think my tastes are so much better than Hal's.



IDIOMS



portray oneself as: when a person inauthentically tries to be like someone else just because they think it's cool

My friend wears black leather clothes now because he wants to portray himself as a cool rock & roll guy, but he's not really like that at all.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



What pretentious hobbies can you think of?

Who's the most pretentious person you've ever met?

Are you bothered by people who constantly change their fashion, because they want to portray themselves as something they're not?

Can you admit one thing you're snobby about? Is it cooking? Music?

