# 20 Kind Things to Say to Strangers

Shared experiences tend bring people together. Whether you know the other people or not, the time you spend together gives you the chance to connect with others, which is good. However, many people don’t know how or what to say to get the ball rolling. If you can relate, here are a few kind things you can say to strangers without sharing too much personal information.

Note: Before speaking, make eye contact and smile. Note two or three small-talk topics, that apply to the particular situation and person. For instance, if the person was reading a book, ask where they usually buy books and explain that you like books too. Find something you have in common.

1. Smile at a stranger. If you meet again, the gesture will be remembered and make it easier to strike up a conversation.

1. “You have such a beautiful smile.”

1. “Your eyes are so expressive when you talk about \_\_\_\_. I can tell how much you care about \_\_\_\_.

1. “I have really enjoyed our chat. It’s made my day. Thank you for your time and insights.”

1. “I see you have a (digital device brand.) What do you like most about it?”

1. “If you could fix (local or common problem), how would you do it?”

1. That’s a unique (item ie purse.) You have good taste. What drew you to it?

1. “Your level of concentration is amazing! I’d like to do it too. Do you have any tips to help me?”

1. “I wish we had more (type of shops) here.” Mention the reason briefly. Ask- “What kind of shop would you want?”

1. “I was so pleased and surprised when (someone did something good for you). Has that ever happened to you? Tell me about it.”

1. After seeing someone help an elderly person say, “Thank you for helping him/her. You are so thoughtful and polite. Your family must be very proud of you.”

1. When someone has a child with them, “Your little-one is so well-behaved! You’ve done such a great job.”

1. When a child misbehaves, “I understand. It happens to the best of us. You’re doing a good job. Keep it up.”

1. “I’m so happy I ran into you today. You’ve inspired me to \_\_\_\_\_\_.” (Identify what they inspired you to do and how they did it.)

1. “You bring out the best in people. Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_\_” (acknowledge how.)

1. “When you were \_\_\_\_\_\_, I noticed that you have wonderful leadership skills.”

1. “You have the greatest laugh! I couldn’t help but laugh with you.”

1. “You have an amazing sense of style and what looks good on you. I wish I could say and do that for myself.”

1. “You have a great attitude regarding \_\_\_\_! How do you do it?”

1. “Your level of patience is astounding. What do you do to maintain it?”

When speaking with strangers, it’s important to set the mood and safety level with a smile and warm or welcoming eye-contact. Don’t be surprised if others in the immediate area join in the open chat. Just remember to keep the conversation light and non-intrusive. Depending on the people, it’s probably better to stay away from asking about personal details.