

1,000 CONVERSATION QUESTIONS



DESIGNED FOR USE IN THE
ESL OR EFL CLASSROOM

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Adoption

- How is adoption viewed in your country?
- Do you know anyone who was adopted? Can you think of any famous people who were adopted?
- How does being adopted affect a child's view of themselves?
- What are some of the reasons people adopt children?
- What are some of the reasons people give children up for adoption?
- What do you think about the adoption system in your country?
- What do you think about couples that adopt children from different countries?
- What qualities make a couple or a person qualified to adopt a child?
- Should the adoption process be more, or less, difficult than it is now?
- Should people be able to decide what type of children they want to adopt? For example: boy or girl, hair color, age, etc.

Advice

- What three pieces of advice will you give your children?
- Whose advice do you follow more, your parents' or your friends' advice?
- If you could give the leader of your country some advice, what would it be?
- If you could go back in time and give yourself some advice, what would you tell your younger self?
- Who was the wisest person in your country's history? What kind of advice did they give?
- Where do you go to get good advice?
- How often do you give your friends advice? What advice do you give them?
- Tell your partner a problem you have and let them give you advice.
- What advice can you give to someone who wants to make the world a better place?
- If a business man, a scientist, and a religious scholar gave you different advice about a problem, whose advice would you follow?

Aging

- What are some of the benefits of getting older?
- Do you think humans will ever be able to stop aging?
- Is aging more difficult for men or women? Why?
- Which celebrities have aged well?
- Are older people actually wiser?
- What kind of support should children give their aging parents?
- How long do you want to live?
- Who is the oldest person you know? How is their view of the world different than yours?
- How are older people viewed in your country?
- How well do you relate to people who are five years younger than you? How about ten years younger?

Aliens

- Do you believe there is any other life in the universe? How about intelligent life?
- What do you think aliens might look like?
- Do you think aliens have ever visited earth?
- Have you seen a UFO or do you know someone who has seen a UFO?
- What is your favorite alien from a movie?
- What is the scariest alien movie?
- If aliens did come to a country and met with the government of that country, what do you think would happen?
- Why are humans so fascinated by aliens?
- How many planets do you think are in our galaxy? How about the universe?
- Do you think humans will travel to another planet in your lifetime?
- How do you think we or aliens will get to other star systems like our own?

Animals

- What animal best represents you? Why?
- What creature scares you? Why?
- Except for food, do humans need other animals? Why or why not?
- What is the most effective way to save endangered species?
- What are some examples of useful traits that help animals survive? (i.e., a giraffe's long neck)
- What is Darwin famous for?
- What traits have made humans a successful species?
- What is the cutest animal you can think of? How about the ugliest?
- Why do humans have pets? Do you have a pet? Why or why not?
- Are there any animals that we should try to kill off completely?

Appearance

- What is the first thing you notice about a person?
- What do the clothes someone wears say about that person?
- Is there a part of your appearance that you are very proud of? (Eyes, fashion sense, hair, etc.)
- What is the most interesting haircut you have seen?
- Have you ever gone through the entire day without noticing something was wrong with your appearance? (i.e., missing button, food in your teeth)
- What kinds of things do you do to improve/maintain your appearance?
- Are there any fashion trends in the past you followed but are embarrassed about now?
- How long does it take you to get ready in the morning?
- Have you ever been intimidated by someone's appearance?
- Do people in your country talk a lot about other people's appearance?
- Is it rude to tell a person that they need to improve their appearance?