

English Conversation Topic Cards

50 practical speaking prompts • Beginner → Intermediate → Advanced

How to use: Pick a card and answer the questions aloud. Start with short answers, then add a reason or example. Practising alone? Ask yourself the questions and record your answers. Practising with a partner? Take turns asking and answering.

Fluency tip: Keep speaking even when you make a small mistake. Afterward, choose one sentence to improve and say it again.

Introduce Yourself

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is your name?
2. Where do you live?
3. What do you do?
4. What do you enjoy doing?
5. What is one thing you want to improve?

Useful phrases:

My name is... • I live in... • I work as... • In my free time, I...

My Daily Routine

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What time do you usually wake up?
2. What do you do in the morning?
3. What do you usually do in the evening?
4. What is your busiest time of day?
5. What would you like to change about your routine?

Useful phrases:

I usually... • After that, I... • Then I... • Most of the time...

My Family

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. How many people are in your family?
2. Who are you closest to?
3. What do you enjoy doing together?
4. What makes your family special?
5. How often do you spend time together?

Useful phrases:

There are... • I am close to... • We usually... • One thing I like about my family is...

My Best Friend

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Who is your best friend?
2. How did you meet?
3. What do you usually do together?
4. What do you like about this person?
5. What is your favourite memory together?

Useful phrases:

We met... • We usually... • What I like most is... • One of my favourite memories is...

My Favourite Food

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is your favourite food?
2. How often do you eat it?
3. Can you cook it?
4. Why do you like it?
5. What food do you dislike?

Useful phrases:

My favourite food is... • I really enjoy... • I prefer... • I don't really like...

My Hometown

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Where are you from?
2. What is your hometown like?
3. What do you like about it?
4. What places should visitors see?
5. Would you like to live there forever?

Useful phrases:

I am from... • It is known for... • One thing I love is... • If you visit, you should...

My Favourite Hobby

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is your favourite hobby?
2. When did you start it?
3. How often do you do it?
4. Why do you enjoy it?
5. Would you recommend it to others?

Useful phrases:

I enjoy... • I started... • I usually do it... • The best thing about it is...

My Weekend

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What did you do last weekend?
2. Who did you spend time with?
3. Did you go anywhere?
4. What was the best part?
5. What will you do next weekend?

Useful phrases:

Last weekend, I... • I spent time with... • The best part was... • Next weekend, I plan to...

My Favourite Movie

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is your favourite movie?
2. Who is your favourite character?
3. What is the movie about?
4. Why do you like it?
5. Would you watch it again?

Useful phrases:

My favourite movie is... • It is about... • I like it because... • I would definitely...

Music I Love

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What kind of music do you like?
2. Who is your favourite singer or band?
3. When do you usually listen to music?
4. Does music affect your mood?
5. What song do you never get tired of?

Useful phrases:

I am a fan of... • I usually listen to... • It makes me feel... • My favourite song is...

A Typical Workday

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What does a normal workday look like for you?
2. What do you enjoy about your work?
3. What is the most difficult part?
4. Who do you work with?
5. What would make your workday better?

Useful phrases:

I start work at... • My main responsibility is... • I enjoy... • The most challenging part is...

Shopping

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Do you enjoy shopping?
2. What do you usually buy?
3. Do you prefer shops or online shopping?
4. How do you decide what to buy?
5. What was your best recent purchase?

Useful phrases:

I'm looking for... • How much is this? • I prefer... • I'm thinking of buying...

Travel

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Do you enjoy travelling?
2. Where have you been?
3. Where would you like to go?
4. Who do you prefer to travel with?
5. What makes a trip enjoyable for you?

Useful phrases:

I'd love to visit... • I've been to... • I'd rather... • The main reason is...

A Place I Want to Visit

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Where would you like to visit?
2. Why do you want to go there?
3. Who would you take with you?
4. What would you like to see?
5. When would you like to go?

Useful phrases:

I'd love to... • I've always wanted to... • I'd like to see... • Hopefully, I can...

A Memorable Day

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is one day you will never forget?
2. What happened?
3. Who was with you?
4. How did you feel?
5. Why is the day special?

Useful phrases:

I'll never forget... • It happened when... • I remember feeling... • The reason it was special is...

A Childhood Memory

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is a happy childhood memory?
2. Where did it happen?
3. Who was there?
4. What did you enjoy doing as a child?
5. What do you miss about childhood?

Useful phrases:

When I was a child... • I remember... • We used to... • I especially remember...

My Morning

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is the first thing you do in the morning?
2. Do you have a morning routine?
3. What do you usually eat or drink?
4. What makes a good morning?
5. Are you a morning person?

Useful phrases:

The first thing I do is... • I usually start my day by... • I like to... • I'm not really a morning person because...

My Evening

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What do you usually do after work or study?
2. How do you relax?
3. Do you watch anything?
4. When do you go to bed?
5. What makes a good evening?

Useful phrases:

In the evening... • After dinner... • I usually relax by... • Before I go to bed...

Weather

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is the weather like today?
2. What kind of weather do you enjoy?
3. Does weather affect your mood?
4. Which season do you like best?
5. What do you dislike about hot or cold weather?

Useful phrases:

It's quite... • I prefer... • It makes me feel... • My favourite season is...

Books and Reading

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Do you enjoy reading?
2. What kind of books do you like?
3. What is the last book you read?
4. Do you prefer paper books or e-books?
5. What book would you recommend?

Useful phrases:

I'm interested in... • The last book I read was... • I prefer... • I'd recommend...

Learning English

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. Why are you learning English?
2. What is easy for you?
3. What is difficult?
4. How do you practise?
5. What is your English goal?

Useful phrases:

I'm learning English because... • I find ... difficult. • I'm getting better at... • My goal is to...

My Goals

Beginner

Talk about it:

1. What is one goal you have?
2. Why is it important?
3. What are you doing to achieve it?
4. What might stop you?
5. How will you feel when you succeed?

Useful phrases:

My goal is... • It's important because... • I'm working on... • I hope to...

Healthy Habits

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What does a healthy lifestyle mean to you?
2. What healthy habits do you have?
3. Which habit is difficult to maintain?
4. How do you stay active?
5. What habit would you like to develop?

Useful phrases:

I try to... • One healthy habit is... • I find it difficult to... • I'd like to get better at...

Free Time

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What do you usually do when you have free time?
2. Do you prefer relaxing or staying busy?
3. How much free time do you need?
4. What would you do with a completely free day?
5. Has your use of free time changed?

Useful phrases:

When I have free time... • I prefer... • If I had a whole day free... • These days, I...

Social Media

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. How often do you use social media?
2. What do you use it for?
3. What do you like about it?
4. What don't you like?
5. Do you think people spend too much time online?

Useful phrases:

I mainly use it to... • One advantage is... • On the other hand... • I think it can be...

Online Shopping

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. Do you shop online?
2. What do you usually buy?
3. What are the advantages?
4. What problems have you experienced?
5. Will online shopping become even more popular?

Useful phrases:

It's convenient because... • One problem is... • I usually check... • In my experience...

Working From Home

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. Have you ever worked or studied from home?
2. What are the advantages?
3. What are the disadvantages?
4. Is it easier to concentrate?
5. Would you choose it permanently?

Useful phrases:

One advantage is... • The downside is... • I find it easier to... • Personally, I would...

Learning New Skills

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What skill would you like to learn?
2. Why?
3. How would you learn it?
4. What makes learning difficult?
5. What skill are you proud of learning?

Useful phrases:

I'd like to learn... • I've always wanted to... • I would probably... • The hardest part would be...

Success

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What does success mean to you?
2. Is money important for success?
3. Who do you consider successful?
4. Can failure help people succeed?
5. Has your idea of success changed?

Useful phrases:

To me, success means... • I believe... • In my opinion... • I used to think..., but now...

Happiness

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What makes you happy?
2. Does money make people happier?
3. Can happiness be a choice?
4. What small things improve your day?
5. Who is the happiest person you know?

Useful phrases:

I feel happiest when... • I don't think... • For me... • One small thing that helps is...

Friendship

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What makes someone a good friend?
2. Is it easy to make friends as an adult?
3. How do you keep friendships strong?
4. Can online friendships be real friendships?
5. What quality do you value most in a friend?

Useful phrases:

A good friend is someone who... • I value... • I think friendships need... • In my experience...

Technology

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. How has technology changed your life?
2. Which device do you use most?
3. What technology could you not live without?
4. Can technology make life more stressful?
5. What technology would you like to see in the future?

Useful phrases:

Technology has made it easier to... • I rely on... • One drawback is... • In the future, I think...

Food and Culture

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What food represents your culture?
2. What traditional dish do you recommend?
3. Do food traditions matter?
4. Have your food preferences changed?
5. What foreign food do you enjoy?

Useful phrases:

A traditional dish is... • It's usually made with... • In my culture... • I've developed a taste for...

A Perfect Day

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What would your perfect day look like?
2. Where would you be?
3. Who would be with you?
4. What would you do?
5. What would you eat?

Useful phrases:

My perfect day would start with... • I'd spend the day... • I wouldn't have to... • The best part would be...

A Difficult Decision

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What is a difficult decision you have made?
2. What choices did you have?
3. How did you decide?
4. Did you make the right choice?
5. What did you learn?

Useful phrases:

I had to choose between... • I considered... • In the end... • Looking back...

A Lesson I Learned

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What is an important lesson you have learned?
2. Who taught you?
3. When did you learn it?
4. How has it changed you?
5. Would you give this advice to others?

Useful phrases:

One lesson I've learned is... • It taught me that... • Since then... • I'd advise people to...

If I Could Change One Thing

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What is one thing you would change in your life?
2. Why would you change it?
3. What would happen afterward?
4. Would you make the same choice again?
5. What can you change right now?

Useful phrases:

If I could..., I would... • The reason is... • It would probably... • For now, I can...

Dream Job

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What would your dream job be?
2. What would you do each day?
3. What skills would you need?
4. Would you work alone or with a team?
5. Would you still do it if money didn't matter?

Useful phrases:

My ideal job would... • I'd be responsible for... • I'd need to be good at... • What attracts me is...

Living in Another Country

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. Would you like to live in another country?
2. Where would you choose?
3. What would be exciting?
4. What might be difficult?
5. What would you miss from home?

Useful phrases:

I'd consider living in... • The biggest challenge would be... • I'd probably miss... • I'd be excited to...

Books vs Movies

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. Do you prefer books or movies?
2. Can a movie be better than a book?
3. What makes a good story?
4. Do you imagine characters differently when reading?
5. What book should be made into a movie?

Useful phrases:

I'd rather... • In my opinion... • One advantage is... • I agree up to a point, but...

Travel Alone or With Others

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. Would you rather travel alone or with others?
2. Why?
3. What are the advantages of travelling alone?
4. What are the advantages of travelling with others?
5. What would you choose for a long trip?

Useful phrases:

I'd rather... because... • The advantage is... • The main drawback is... • It depends on...

Are Smartphones Helpful?

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. How often do you use your smartphone?
2. What is its most useful feature?
3. Can phones be distracting?
4. Should people have phone-free time?
5. Could you live without your phone for a week?

Useful phrases:

I mainly use my phone for... • It can be distracting because... • I think people should... • I'm not sure I could...

The Ideal Weekend

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. What does an ideal weekend look like?
2. Would you stay home or go out?
3. Who would you spend it with?
4. How much planning would you do?
5. What would you avoid?

Useful phrases:

For me, an ideal weekend... • I'd rather... • I'd make sure to... • I wouldn't want to...

A Person I Admire

Intermediate

Talk about it:

1. Who do you admire?
2. What qualities do they have?
3. How have they influenced you?
4. What have you learned from them?
5. Would you like to meet them?

Useful phrases:

I really admire... • What stands out is... • They've taught me... • I'd love to ask them...

Is Social Media Helpful or Harmful?

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. What are the biggest benefits of social media?
2. What are the biggest problems?
3. Does it affect mental well-being?
4. How should people use it responsibly?
5. Would society be better without it?

Useful phrases:

On the one hand... • On the other hand... • I tend to think... • A possible solution would be...

Should Everyone Learn English?

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. Why is English important today?
2. What opportunities can English create?
3. Are there disadvantages to its global use?
4. Should children learn it from an early age?
5. What is the best way to learn it?

Useful phrases:

I believe English is... • It can give people access to... • At the same time... • In my view...

What Makes a Good Leader?

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. What qualities should a good leader have?
2. Is leadership natural or learned?
3. Can a quiet person be a good leader?
4. What makes people trust a leader?
5. Who is a leader you respect?

Useful phrases:

A good leader should... • I believe leadership can be... • People trust leaders who... • In my experience...

Money and Happiness

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. How important is money to happiness?
2. Can money solve some problems?
3. When can money create stress?
4. What is more valuable than money?
5. How should people define a rich life?

Useful phrases:

Money can provide... • However... • I don't believe money can... • For me, a rich life means...

The Future of Work

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. How will technology change jobs?
2. Which jobs might disappear?
3. Which skills will become more important?
4. Will remote work grow?
5. What should people do to prepare?

Useful phrases:

I expect... • It's likely that... • One possibility is... • People will need to...

A World Without the Internet

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. What would change if the internet disappeared?
2. What would be easier?
3. What would become difficult?
4. How would businesses change?
5. Could society adapt?

Useful phrases:

If the internet disappeared... • We would have to... • One major change would be... • I suspect...

Advice to My Younger Self

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. What advice would you give your younger self?
2. Why?
3. What mistake would you avoid?
4. What would you encourage yourself to try?
5. What would you tell yourself not to worry about?

Useful phrases:

If I could go back... • I'd tell myself to... • I wish I had... • The important thing is...

What Makes Life Meaningful?

Advanced

Talk about it:

1. What makes life meaningful to you?
2. Is a meaningful life connected to work?
3. How important are relationships?
4. Can difficult experiences create meaning?
5. Has your answer changed over time?

Useful phrases:

For me, meaning comes from... • I would argue that... • One important factor is... • Over time, I've realised...