

## Conversation Café

### Who are you?

Welcome to Conversation Café. We hope that you will be able to relax and enjoy speaking English with us.

Today, let's start to get to know each other.

Some questions are personal.

You don't have to answer them all.

Sometimes it is polite to answer, "I'd rather not say," which means, "I don't want to tell you."



#### Discussion Questions:

1. What is your name? How do you spell it? How do you say it?  
Does your name have a meaning?
2. Where are you from? What languages do you speak?  
How long have you been studying English?
3. Were you born in Canada? If not, how long have you been in Canada?  
Why did you come to Canada?  
Have you visited other places in North America?
4. Is your family in Canada? Do you have friends here?  
Are you married or single?
5. What kind of work experience do you have?  
What would you like to do in the future?
6. What are three things that you like?
7. What are three things that you dislike?
8. What are the three most important things in life?
9. What is something that you can do well?
10. What is something **unusual** about you that is different than most people?



**Different**



## Spiritual Conversation

In our Conversation Cafes we have a “spiritual” section of conversation.

Do you know why? We will explain it with this **English idiom**:

**Idiom**



**Idiom:** An expression that doesn't exactly mean what the words say.

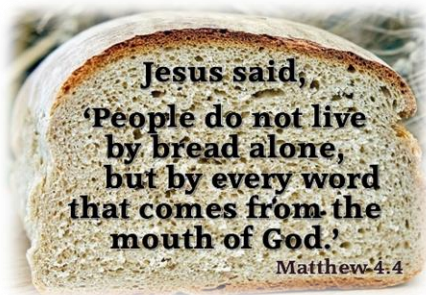
Example: She spilled the beans.

Meaning: *She talked too much and told the secret.*

**Idiom**

“People do not live by bread alone.”

The origin of this idiom is from Jesus who said,



“It is written: ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Gospel of Matthew 4:4

Most people interpret this to mean that people need God to live, just like they need food.

While food will satisfy our physical needs, a relationship with God will satisfy our spiritual and emotional needs.

This is why we include the spiritual part in each Conversation Cafe.

- ❖ Do you agree with this idiom, “People do not live by bread alone?” Why or why not?
- ❖ If you eat to get strong physically, what do you do to get strong spiritually?

## English Idioms:



Get close to someone – to be friendly or intimate with someone.

“*She is very shy and really won't let anyone get close to her.*”

One of a kind - the only item of a particular type. “*He was an extraordinary person - absolutely one of a kind.*”

You are one of a kind! :-)



A kindred spirit - someone who feels and thinks the way you do. “*My friend and I get along so well. We are kindred spirits.*”

A loner - a person who is or prefers to be alone, especially one who avoids the company of others.

“*He was always a loner—no one knew him well.*”

