

Conversation Café

Conversation

Conversation, how we verbally communicate, (talk) with others is very important in helping them understand us and is essential for adapting to another culture.

1. What makes it easy or difficult to talk to someone?
2. What traits do you look for in a conversation partner?
3. Tell about your favorite types of conversations to have?
What do you talk about?
4. How do you feel about being frank? (honest, sincere, and telling the truth, even when this might make other people uncomfortable)?
Is there such a thing as being too honest? Explain.
5. Who is the best conversationalist that you have ever met?
Why are they such a great conversationalist?



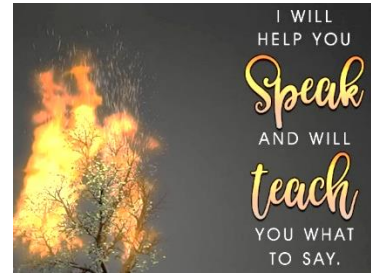
6. Have you ever had a great conversation with a complete stranger?
What made it so great?
What did you talk about?
Where were you?
7. Who communicates better: men or women?
What makes their style better?
8. What percent of time at a Conversation Cafe do you spend talking?
Do you want to talk more?
How can we help you to speak up more?
If you talk too much, how can you learn to listen more?
9. What are some good habits you have in conversations?
What are some bad habits you have in conversations?
10. Have you ever tried to consciously change your conversational style?
What did you change?



God helped a famous person talk:

"But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."

"Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say." *Exodus 4:10-11*



- ❖ ▪ Moses is a very famous person who was afraid to speak up. Who helped him to speak?
- ❖ ▪ Do you ever pray and ask God to help you speak or to learn English? If you haven't, consider trying this.

IDIOMS:

To get the silent treatment — Not speaking to someone as a way of showing disapproval or disagreement on a matter. *"Sandra was so angry that she wouldn't speak to her husband and gave him the silent treatment."*



Talking until you're blue in the face — To talk until one is exhausted. *"Sarah's mother could talk until she was blue in the face about what a mess Sarah's room was, but Sarah refused to clean it up until her mother withheld her allowance."*

To talk down to someone — To speak to someone as if they were too young or stupid to understand; condescending speech, *"Even though Kim was older than his teacher, he often felt like his teacher talked down to him and didn't treat him like an adult."*



TALK (SOMEONE'S) EAR OFF

to bore someone by talking excessively



Pete has a lot of great stories, but he will **talk your ear off** if you let him!