

CONVERSATION

Some questions are personal. You don't have to answer them. You can say, "I'd rather not say."



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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What traits do you look for in a conversation partner?
2. Tell about your favourite types of conversations to have? What do you talk about?
3. 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.
4. Who is the best conversationalist that you have ever met? Why are they such a great conversationalist?
5. Have you ever had a great conversation with a complete stranger? What made it so great? What did you talk about? Where were you?
6. Who communicates better: men or women? What makes their style better?
7. What percentage of time at a Conversation Café do you spend talking? Do you want to talk more? How can we help you speak up more? If you talk too much, how can you learn to listen more?
8. What are some good habits you have in conversations? What are some bad habits you have in conversations?
9. Have you ever tried to consciously change your conversational style? What did you change?



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We have a spiritual part to every café. Why? Because we are spiritual humans. Jesus said, "No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken." If you want to learn more about the spiritual part, ask your volunteer about Discovery Group Studies.



GOD HELPED A FAMOUS PERSON TALK

"But Moses said to the Lord, 'But Lord, I am not a skilled speaker. I have never been able to speak well. And now, even after talking to you, I am not a good speaker. I speak slowly and can't find the best words.'

Then the Lord said to him, 'Who made man's mouth? And who makes him deaf or not able to speak? Or who gives a man sight or makes him blind? It is I, the Lord. Now go! I will help you speak. I will tell you what to say.'" [Exodus 4:10-11](#)

Moses is a very famous person who was afraid to speak up. Who helped him speak? Do you ever pray and ask God to help you speak or 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."

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."

