

100 Conversation Starters

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Starting a conversation can sometimes be challenging, especially in a new language. To help you feel more confident, we've created a list of 100 conversation starters. These questions are designed to help you begin interesting conversations in different settings.

We've divided the conversation starters into categories based on where you might use them.

Remember, practising your conversation skills is a great way to improve your English. Don't be afraid to ask questions and share your own thoughts and experiences.

Enjoy the list and happy talking!

Catching up with old friends/family:

1. "What's new with everyone since the last time we all met?"
2. "Any exciting family news or updates?"
3. "Does anyone have any fun plans coming up?"
4. "What's been the highlight of your week so far?"
5. "What's the best thing that's happened to you recently?"

Getting to know someone better:

6. "If you could travel anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?"
7. "What's a hobby or interest you've recently picked up?"
8. "What's the most interesting thing you've learned lately?"
9. "What do you enjoy doing in your free time?"
10. "What's your idea of a perfect weekend?"
11. "Do you have any favourite books or movies?"
12. "If you could meet anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?"

At a party or celebration:

13. "How do you know the host of this event?"
14. "What's the best event or party you've ever been to?"
15. "Have you discovered any new music or artists lately?"

Good questions to ask when on a date:

16. "What's your favourite way to unwind after a long day?"
17. "What's one skill you've always wanted to learn?"
18. "Who or what inspires you?"
19. "If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be and why?"

20. "What's your favourite childhood memory?"
21. "What's the most adventurous thing you've ever done?"
22. "Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories from your past?"
23. "What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?"
24. "If you could live in any era of history, which one would you choose?"
25. "What's your favourite type of cuisine?"
26. "What's your go-to comfort food?"
27. "Do you prefer the coast or the mountains for a holiday?"
28. "What's one thing you've always wanted to do but haven't had the chance to yet?"
29. "If you could possess any superpower, what would it be and how would you use it?"
30. "What's your favourite thing about yourself?"

Professional Conversation Starters

At a professional event:

31. "What brings you to this event?"
32. "What industry trends are you most excited about?"
33. "How do you typically approach networking?"
34. "What's the most interesting project you're currently working on?"
35. "What inspired you to pursue your current career path?"
36. "What challenges are you currently facing in your role?"
37. "How do you stay motivated and productive?"
38. "What's one thing you hope to take away from this event?"

At a job interview, or meeting with a potential client:

39. "Can you tell me more about your experience with [specific skill or project]?"
40. "What attracted you to our company?"
41. "How do you handle challenges or setbacks in the workplace?"
42. "Where do you see yourself professionally in the next five years?"
43. "What are your goals and expectations for this project?"
44. "How can we best support your business objectives?"

General professional encounters:

45. "What challenges have you encountered in your industry recently?"
46. "Are there any upcoming initiatives or changes we should be aware of?"
47. "What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?"
48. "What's the most interesting thing you've learned from a colleague?"
49. "If you could switch roles with anyone on the team for a day, who would it be and why?"
50. "What's been your favourite team project or collaboration so far?"
51. "How do you approach work-life balance?"
52. "What's the most valuable lesson you've learned in your career so far?"
53. "What's your preferred method for staying organised and managing tasks?"
54. "What's one professional skill you're currently working on improving?"
55. "How do you handle conflicts or disagreements in the workplace?"
56. "What's your favourite aspect of your job?"

57. "What's the biggest challenge you've overcome in your career?"
58. "How do you prioritise your workload?"
59. "What's one thing you wish you knew when you first started your career?"
60. "What's your proudest accomplishment in your professional life?"
61. "How do you approach self-care and stress management at work?"
62. "What's your favourite thing about working with your current team?"
63. "What's one thing you hope to achieve in your career within the next year?"
64. "How do you stay updated on industry trends and developments?"
65. "What's one piece of advice you would give to someone just starting in your field?"
66. "What's your preferred method of receiving feedback?"
67. "How do you stay motivated during challenging projects?"
68. "What's one thing you're excited to learn more about in your industry?"

At the Gym or Sports Centre:

69. "Have you tried any new workout routines lately?"
70. "What's your favourite type of exercise to do here?"
71. "Do you have any tips for improving form or technique?"
72. "How do you stay motivated to come to the gym regularly?"
73. "Have you set any fitness goals for yourself recently?"
74. "What's your favourite workout music or playlist?"
75. "Do you prefer working out solo or with a workout buddy?"
76. "Have you ever participated in any fitness challenges or events?"
77. "What's your post-workout routine for recovery?"
78. "Are there any classes or programs here that you really enjoy?"
79. "What's the most rewarding aspect of your fitness journey so far?"
80. "Do you have any favourite gym equipment or machines?"
81. "How do you mix up your workouts to keep things interesting?"
82. "Have you ever tried any alternative forms of exercise, like yoga or Pilates?"
83. "What's the biggest obstacle you've overcome in your fitness journey?"
84. "What advice would you give to someone just starting their fitness journey?"
85. "How do you incorporate fitness into your daily routine outside of the gym?"

At the Bar:

86. "What's your go-to drink when you come here?"
87. "Have you ever tried any unique or unusual cocktails?"
88. "Do you prefer classic cocktails or modern twists?"
89. "What's the most memorable drink you've ever had?"
90. "Are there any local beers or spirits you'd recommend trying?"
91. "What's the craziest night out you've ever had?"
92. "Do you have a favourite bar snack to pair with your drink?"
93. "What's your opinion on the best way to enjoy whiskey?"
94. "Have you ever been to any famous bars or speakeasies?"
95. "Do you have any funny or interesting bar-related stories?"
96. "What's your favourite thing about coming to this bar?"
97. "Are there any upcoming events or specials here that you're looking forward to?"
98. "What's your stance on the great debate: shaken or stirred?"

99. "Have you ever tried making cocktails at home? Any favourites?"

100. "If you could have a drink with anyone, living or dead, who would it be and why?"

These conversation starters should help you engage in meaningful discussions in various personal and professional settings!