

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS TIME

Are you on time?

If you are late, what message does this send to the person who is waiting for you?

Do you prefer to show up late or early?

What is your busiest day of the week?

Do you like to be busy, or do you like to have an easy schedule?

What takes up most of your time?

Do you think you manage your time wisely?

Do you manage time, or does time manage you?

What do you do if you show up too early for something?

What do you do if you show up too late for something?

What do you do if you forget an appointment?

Do you spend a lot of time when preparing for something?

How much time do you spend sleeping?

Do you wish you could sleep more?

Does waiting for something bother you?

Do you get bored easily?

Do you schedule out what you have to do every week? Do you make a schedule for every day?

Are you good at getting things done on time?

Do you think time moves slowly or quickly?

What would you do if you had a few extra hours in a day?

Would you rather have more time or more money?

In your culture, is it polite to always show up on time, or to show up a little late?

How important is time in your culture?

Do you think people in America are too concerned with time?

What time do you get up in the morning?

What time do you go to bed?

What time does school start?

What time is it?

What time do you go to work?

What time does your work begin?

What time does your work end?

What time do you take a bath in the evening?

When do you do your homework?

What time do you like to get up?

What time do you like to go to bed at night?

What time do you think high school students should go to bed?

What's the most significant time of your life? (Significant for any reason: because you liked it or hated it; because of your profession; because of a relationship; or because it was a turning point in your life)

What's your perception of time now? Does it go by slowly or quickly? What does this depend on?

Can you do without a watch or a clock? For how long?

If you could stop time, what would you do and why?

Do you show up early or late for work? Class? Meeting a friend for lunch? English conversation class?

Are you a "night owl" or an "early bird"?

Which time of day do you feel you are most productive in your work or study?

If you are a punctual person and your mate is not, how do you resolve conflicts that arise?

If you had the power to stop and restart time, when would you use it?

Do you show up early or late in your home country versus in the United States

Time

Under what circumstances does time pass slowly and under what circumstances does it pass quickly?

How quickly does time pass in your English class?

How would you feel if you had no way of telling the time - no clock, watch or other device?

How do you feel if you find yourself stuck in a slowly moving queue?

If you had two extra hours in the day what would you do with them?

People often maintain that time seems to pass more quickly as they get older - does this happen to you?

Why do you think this happens?

Time seems to pass more slowly when you are bored. What activities do you find especially boring?

At work

Do you feel that you have sufficient time to do everything you need every day? If not, how could you get more time?

In your country, is punctuality considered to be a virtue or do people regularly arrive late? How do you feel when colleagues arrive late for meetings?

Many people feel that much of the time they spend in meetings is wasted. Would you agree? If so, what do you think could be done to waste less time?

If people arrive late do they usually apologise? What do you think they should do?

Do you have some system to manage time such as making lists of priorities, or do you just do the first thing that comes to hand?

How good are you at meeting deadlines?

At home

How much time do you spend asleep? Would you like to spend less time sleeping?

What time do you get up and go to bed?

Are you able to wake up at a specific time without the use of an alarm clock?

Are the clocks changed by an hour in Spring and Autumn in your country? How long does it take you to adjust?

How do you feel when you lose an hour's sleep because the clocks are changed? How long to you take to adapt?

Have you ever spent an entire day "an hour out" because you didn't realise the change had happened? How did you notice your error?

How much time do you spend eating every day?

How much time do you spend on the internet? Would you like to spend more or less?