



Conversation Starters

SEL, All Grades

Assignment Objectives

- Students will be able to understand what turns a question into a conversation by using the correct format.
- Paper's Live Help feature will be used for this activity.

Teacher Instructions

- Review the Conversation Starter list with students.
- Review the examples with students.
- Choose one Conversation Starter and model a conversation from start to finish with your students.
- Instruct students to use the list of prompts with a Paper tutor in a Live Help session to create multiple conversations.
- Students will use the graphic organizer to record both the tutor's responses as well as their own.

Ideas for Use

- Pair students together to discuss and share ideas about how they can converse with a Live Help tutor.
- Customize the Conversation Starter list to your students activities and interests.
- Have students brainstorm, along with the help of a tutor, conversation starter prompts that can be added to the list.
- Assign as a homework assignment or warm up activity.

Example 1

Student: What is your favorite color?

Tutor: My favorite color is green.

Student: My favorite color is purple but I like the color green, too.

Tutor: Both are great colors, yes!

Example 2

Student: What is your favorite food?

Tutor: I love mac & cheese!

Student: Mac & cheese is my favorite food, too! It is my favorite thing to eat for dinner!

Tutor: That's so awesome that we have the same favorite food!

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Student Instructions

1. Review the Example Conversation.
2. Review the Conversations Starters List.
3. Open a Live Help session with a tutor and **choose 1**:
 - a. Start a Voice session and say, "I am working on different ways to start a conversation and need help practicing."
 - b. Start a Text session and copy this phrase into the text box: "I am working on different ways to start a conversation and need help practicing."
 - c. Start a Text session and use Voice Typing. Say, "I am working on different ways to start a conversation and need help practicing." Then, review the text that appears on screen to make sure it is correct before sending.
4. Ask the tutor each question from the Conversation List.
5. Add the tutor's answer below.
6. Respond to the tutor by giving your answer. Your response should include an acknowledgement or comment about the tutor's response.
7. Add your answer below, next to the tutor's answer.

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| <p>1. What is your favorite color?</p> <p>2. What is your favorite food?</p> <p>3. Do you play or have a favorite sport or hobby? If so, what is it?</p> <p>4. What is the name of your favorite movie or tv show?</p> <p>5. What is your favorite school subject?</p> | <p>6. Do you have a favorite song or kind of music you enjoy?</p> <p>7. What is your favorite day of the week and why?</p> <p>8. If you had a superpower, what would it be?</p> <p>9. What is your favorite season and why?</p> <p>10. What's your favorite game to play?</p> |
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Name: _____ Date: _____ Per: _____

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#1	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#2	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#3	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#4	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#5	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#6	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#7	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#8	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#9	Tutor's Answer:	My response:
#10	Tutor's Answer:	My response: