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How to Use this Book

In this book, you'll find 67 conversation topics suitable for English learners, each with a set of 15 engaging, interactive questions that'll get students talking. They are designed for intermedate or advanced ESL/EFL students who already have a good range of vocabulary. However, they could certainly be used with high-beginners with some teacher assistance in terms of understanding the questions and pre-teaching of vocabulary.

This book is perfect for those situations when you want to get an interesting discussion going but are out of inspiration. Keep a copy on your phone to pull out in case you need some fresh, new ideas. They're ideal for a warm-up or for a longer, free-talking time at the end of a themed lesson.

Also consider getting the physical version of the book to print off these conversation questions for your students. It's the perfect solution to a last-minute class that you haven't had time to prep for! Or for classes where students want to do lots of free-talking, including private lessons. Avoid the chit-chat about the usual things and instead opt for something more interesting (one of the topics in this book).

Whatever the case, these TEFL conversation questions will get students talking, guaranteed!

Age and Aging

1. What is the best age to be? Why?
2. What's been your favorite age so far in your life? Why?
3. Do you have any fears about getting older? What are they?
4. Who is the oldest person that you know? Are you close to him/her?
5. Is age important in your culture?
6. Can people of different ages be friends?
7. Are you friends with someone much older or younger than you?
8. What are some of your earliest memories?
9. What was the hardest part about growing up for you?
10. What advice would you give to your younger self?
11. What do you think of nursing homes? Are they a nice option for older people or should they live with family members?
12. What is a good age to "settle down" and get married?
13. Should younger people respect the elderly? Why or why not?
14. Where you're from, is it okay to ask people about their age?
15. Should job applicants be required to disclose their age to potential employers?

Animals

1. Do you like animals? Which ones?
2. Do you have any pets?
3. Did you have any pets when you were younger?
4. Some people spend thousands of dollars on their pets, especially when they get sick. What are your thoughts about this?
5. Do you have a favorite animal?
6. Are you afraid of any animals?
7. Why do you think so many people are scared of sharks? Should they be scared of them?
8. Have you seen any movies or read any books lately that featured animals in them?
9. What do you think about zoos?
10. What are your thoughts about eating meat raised on factory farms?
11. Should people be allowed to eat wild animals like snakes, whales, etc.?
12. Have you ever tried any of the new, plant-based meats like the *Beyond Burger*? What did you think about it?
13. Is it necessary to use animals in product testing? Or, are there other alternatives?
14. Should humans be doing more to ensure that animals don't become extinct?
15. Do you think humans evolved from animals like chimpanzees?

Appearance

1. What is the first thing you notice when you meet someone?
2. What are some factors in judging someone's appearance?
3. What are some different types of hairstyles for men and women that are popular in your country?
4. How often do you get your hair cut?
5. Have you ever had a pedicure or a manicure?
6. What do you think about waxing? Have you ever done it?
7. How much time do you spend getting ready for work or school?
8. Do you take pride in your appearance or not worry too much about it?
9. What would you do if you noticed someone had food in their teeth or their "fly" was undone?
10. What kinds of clothes do you like to wear?
11. Do you have a favorite article of clothing?
12. How much money do you spend on clothes and shoes each month?
13. What do you think about young girls wearing makeup?
14. What about makeup for men?
15. What are your thoughts about photos on job applications?

Around the Neighborhood

1. What do you like about where you live?
2. What do you dislike about where you live?
3. Would you like to move somewhere else? Or, are you happy with where you live?
4. What are some reasons that people might move to your neighborhood?
5. Are there any famous areas or sights near where you live?
6. What are some things to do around your house?
7. What are some of your favorite restaurants near your house?
8. If you want to get a cheap, quick lunch near your home, where do you go?
9. Can you walk to do shopping in your neighborhood or do you have to drive to pick up most things?
10. Do you need a car to get around your town or is the public transport system adequate?
11. What are five adjectives you'd use to describe your neighborhood (busy, quiet, etc.)?
12. Do you know your neighbors? What are they like?
13. What are three things you'd like to do to improve your neighborhood?
14. Did you grow up where you live now? If not, how do they compare?
15. When you go out at night or on the weekend, do you stick close to home or do you travel to another part of your city?

Art

1. Do you paint, draw, or take pictures (or do some other kind of art)?
2. Did you enjoy art class in school when you were a kid?
3. Should things like art class be mandatory until the end of high school? In most countries, it's optional after elementary school.
4. Is art important to you? Why or why not?
5. Should artists be funded by the government?
6. Why do you think people pay millions of dollars for some famous paintings or sculptures?
7. If you had lots of money, would you spend it buying expensive pieces of art?
8. What would you think if you had a son or daughter who wanted to go to art school instead of university?
9. Can art teach us things about life?
10. Have you ever been influenced by a piece of art?
11. Do you think movies and TV shows are a form of art?
12. Is graffiti "real" art?
13. Is fashion/clothing art?
14. When was the last time you went to a museum?
15. Do you generally like going to museums? Why or why not?

Birthdays

1. Are birthdays important to you? Why or why not?
2. How are birthdays usually celebrated in your country?
3. How do young kids celebrate their birthday at school in your country?
4. Have you ever thrown a surprise birthday party or had one thrown for you?
5. Have you ever forgotten an important birthday of someone close to you?
6. Do you have a memorable past birthday memory? What made it memorable?
7. Do you have any bad birthday memories? What happened?
8. Do you prefer to organize your own birthday party or have someone else organize it for you?
9. Are birthdays in your family important? How do you celebrate them?
10. What do you think about elaborate, expensive birthday parties for little kids (1-5 years old)?
11. Do you think turning 40, 50, or 60 is exciting or depressing? Or, some other adjective?
12. What are some memorable birthday presents that you've received?
13. How much do you usually spend on a birthday present for a family member?
14. What do you think about birthday cards? Nice, or a waste of money?
15. Does anyone famous have the same birthday as you? Or a friend or family member?

Books

1. On average, how many books do you read in a month?
2. Do you usually buy books or go to the library?
3. When do you usually read?
4. What is your favorite genre of books?
5. Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction?
6. Is there a book that has had a big impact on your life?
7. Are there any books or authors that you'd recommend?
8. Do you like watching TV or movies more than reading books?
9. Have you ever been part of a book club? What was that experience like?
10. Did you like reading books for school?
11. Have you ever been to a book signing event or met an author?
12. Have you ever thought about writing a book? What about?
13. What do you think about books made into movies? Which version is usually better?
14. How do you choose a book to read?
15. Did you have any favorite books from when you were a kid that you can remember?

Business

1. Are there any companies that you love to support? Why?
2. Are there any companies that you choose not to support? Why?
3. Have you had any bad customer service experiences? Talk about 1-2 of them.
4. Do you like to support small businesses?
5. Are there any new businesses in your neighborhood that you've noticed lately?
6. Do you know anyone with their own business? Describe it.
7. What are some advantages and disadvantages of working for yourself?
8. Is the "gig economy" a big thing in your country? (gig economy is when people do freelance or contract work)
9. Would you rather work for someone or work for yourself?
10. Should the government "bail out" big business during a recession? Why or why not?
11. Together, name 5 slogans from companies that you know (Just do it!).
12. Does every business need a website these days?
13. If you could work abroad, would you choose to do it?
14. What are some qualities of a good company CEO or owner?
15. What business do well during a recession? Which ones struggle?

Cars and Driving

1. What are some advantages and disadvantages to having your own car?
2. What are some advantages and disadvantages to public transportation?
3. How do most people get to work or school in your country?
4. How do you get to work or school?
5. Do you have a driver's license?
6. When did you start driving?
7. Have you ever been in a car accident?
8. How would you describe yourself as a driver? (aggressive, cautious, etc.)
9. When do you usually drive?
10. Is there a certain car that you'd like to buy in the future?
11. Have you ever considered buying an electric car?
12. Do you have any predictions for what cars will look like in the future?
13. Should the government ban "gas guzzlers?"
14. Should there be mandatory emissions tests on cars every few years?
15. Will the use of cars increase or decrease in the future? Why?

Childhood

1. What are some of your favorite memories from childhood?
2. Do you have any brothers or sisters? What did you like to do together growing up?
3. Do you remember any teachers from when you were younger? What were they like?
4. What was your favorite subject in school?
5. What was your least favorite subject in school?
6. What was a memorable field trip you took when you were young?
7. What was a memorable vacation you took with your family when you were younger?
8. What was your favorite food growing up?
9. Were there foods you didn't like when you were younger? Do you still dislike them?
10. Did you have a best friend growing up? Are you still in touch?
11. What was the house you grew up in like?
12. Did you move during your childhood? Was that a difficult experience?
13. Did you play any sports or do any activities during childhood?
14. Do you have mostly positive or negative memories from when you were a kid?
15. Did you spend most of your time playing inside or outside when you were young?

Chores

1. Name 10 chores around the house.
2. What chores did you have to do when you were a kid?
3. Did you get paid for doing chores or did you get an allowance?
4. What chores do you spend a lot of time doing these days?
5. What are some chores that you don't mind or enjoy doing?
6. What are some chores that you hate?
7. Is there a way to make chores fun?
8. Do you tackle things quickly to get them over with or procrastinate for things you don't want to do?
9. Do you have kids? If yes, what chores are they responsible for?
10. Do your kids get to choose what chores they do?
11. Do you prefer doing laundry all at once or a load every few days?
12. Do you wash your dishes and clean up the kitchen after every meal?
13. How often do you vacuum and clean the floors at your house?
14. How often do you clean the bathroom at your house?
15. How often do you wash and clean your car?

Clothes and Fashion

1. Is how you dress important to you?
2. Where do you usually buy clothes?
3. Do you like shopping at thrift stores for clothes? Why or why not?
4. What are 2-3 of your favorite articles of clothing?
5. Have you ever made your own clothes?
6. How often do you go shopping for clothes?
7. In one year, how much do you think you spend on clothes and shoes? Would you spend more if you could afford it?
8. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of shopping online?
9. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of shopping in stores?
10. What do you think about the price of designer clothes, shoes, and bags?
11. What's the most you've ever spent on a single piece of clothing? Do you regret it?
12. Do you follow clothing trends?
13. What are some strange fashion trends that you've seen?
14. How would you describe your fashion sense and style?
15. What do you think about people dressing up their dogs in cute outfits?

Communication

1. What are 10 forms of communication?
2. Which ones existed 50 years ago?
3. How do you usually stay in touch with friends?
4. How do you stay in touch with family members?
5. How do you communicate with classmates, teachers, or coworkers?
6. Do you consider yourself to be a "techie"?
7. Has communication changed between people 50 years ago compared to now?
8. Do you generally chat with people you don't know (taxi driver, shop keeper, etc.)?
9. Where are some good places to meet new people in your country?
10. Do you prefer meeting people in person or online?
11. Do you have some online-only friends?
12. Do you know anyone who doesn't have a smartphone? What is their reason for this?
13. What do you think communication will look like 50 years from now?
14. Do you think we can communicate with people from the past (ghosts, spirits, etc.)
15. If you have a serious thing to talk about with someone, do you prefer sending them an email (or other written thing) or talking face to face?

Community

1. What are 10 adjectives to describe communities (vibrant, active, etc.)?
2. How would you describe where you live?
3. Is there anything you would like to see change in your neighborhood or city?
4. What are the things you like most about where you live?
5. Are there mostly older or younger people where you live?
6. Are there lots of recreational opportunities where you live?
7. Are there lots of job opportunities in your community or do people mostly commute somewhere else?
8. Have you done something recently to help one of your neighbors?
9. How well do you know your neighbors?
10. What different communities are you a part of? (work, family, friend group, neighborhood, clubs, etc.)
11. Which of those communities is most important to you?
12. Which one do you spend the most time with?
13. Where do you find it easiest to make new friends?
14. Have you found it difficult to make new friends where you live compared to other places?
15. Is community life important to you when choosing a new place to live?

Controversial Things

1. Are there any controversial things in the news lately?
2. What do you think about animal testing on cosmetics or new medicines?
3. What do you think about gay marriage (also called marriage equality)?
4. Should women be paid the same amount as men for the same job?
5. Should smoking be banned in this country?
6. Should the government increase taxes on "luxury" items like cigarettes, alcohol, expensive cars, or designer clothing?
7. Should marijuana or other recreational drugs be legalized?
8. Should teenagers have strict curfews and other rules?
9. Should elementary school students be given homework?
10. Assisted suicide should be legalized for the terminally ill. Do you agree or disagree?
11. Do you think video games contribute to violence in society?
12. Should guns be banned?
13. Should the death penalty be allowed?
14. What do you think about religion? Helpful or harmful?
15. Do you think it's better for women to not get married?

Cooking at Home

1. In one week, how often do you eat out?
2. In one week, how often do you get take out?
3. Do you enjoy cooking at home?
4. Would you consider yourself to be a good cook?
5. What are some of the meals you regularly eat?
6. Do you like cooking with meat? Are you a vegan or have any other dietary restrictions?
7. Do you have any favorite kitchen appliances?
8. Do you do anything special for weekend breakfasts?
9. What are some special things you cook if someone is coming over for dinner?
10. How often do you invite someone over for a meal at your house?
11. Do you enjoy cooking a big holiday or family meal or do you find it stressful?
12. What are some of the first things you learned how to cook when you were a kid?
13. Would you say that most of your meals are healthy or unhealthy?
14. Who does most of the grocery shopping and cooking at your house?
15. What do you think about meal prep boxes where you get all the ingredients and a recipe but have to cook it yourself? Are they popular where you live?

Christmas

1. Is Christmas a popular holiday in your country?
2. Do you have any memories from Christmas holidays when you were a kid?
3. Do you enjoy giving or getting Christmas presents?
4. Does your family get together at Christmas?
5. Do you like to eat any sort of special food for Christmas?
6. Did you believe in Santa Klaus as a kid?
7. Is Santa Claus an innocent traditional or harmful in some way?
8. Do you celebrate the religious aspect of Christmas?
9. Does it usually snow where you live at Christmas?
10. Do you know any Christmas carols? Do you enjoy singing them?
11. Do you send Christmas cards?
12. Did you have any memorable Christmas parties or traditions at school when you were young?
13. Does your school or workplace have Christmas parties? What are they like?
14. Do you put up Christmas decorations at your house?
15. What do you think about cutting down living trees for Christmas trees in houses?

Countries

1. What are 15 ways to describe a country?
2. How would you describe your country?
3. What are the major holidays in your country?
4. Is your country known for anything special?
5. Are there any famous foods from your country?
6. Does your country have any strong allies?
7. Have you ever visited another country? How did it compare to yours?
8. Is there a country you want to visit in the future?
9. If you could take a world tour for 6 months, where would you visit and what would you do?
10. What do you think is the perfect length of time for a vacation?
11. Is there another country that you'd like to live in?
12. What's one of the best countries to live in? Why?
13. What is a country that you wouldn't want to live in? Why?
14. Are there some countries that are better than others or are they just different?
15. Do you feel pride in your country during things like the World Cup or the Olympics?

Current Events

1. Do you like to follow what's happening in the news?
2. Where do you get information about what's happening in the world?
3. How many hours a week do you spend following current events?
4. Is keeping up with current events important or not?
5. Are there any podcasts that you like to listen to?
6. Do you think that the media reports too much "doom and gloom" and not enough of the good things?
7. Do you think that there's a difference between news and current events?
8. Is there any current event that you're particularly interested in right now?
9. Do you think that newspapers are a dying industry?
10. Should anyone be allowed to publish whatever they want on the Internet?
11. If you go away for a few days and don't follow the news, is that a big deal to you?
12. Do news and current events affect your mood?
13. Did Covid-19 affect your life in any way?
14. Do you think the news is censored where you live?
15. Do you ever buy or read magazines?

Dating and Marriage

1. How do young people usually meet in your country?
2. Have you ever tried online dating? How did it go?
3. Is dating common among your friends?
4. At what age do people usually get married where you live?
5. Do you have any interesting experiences with dating?
6. If you have a partner, how did you meet them?
7. What are your thoughts about arranged marriages?
8. What are some first date "red flags?"
9. Do you want to get married (if you're not already)?
10. What are the positives and negatives of marriage in your opinion?
11. Do you know what the divorce rate is in your country? Do you think it's high or low?
12. Should people just stay together for their kids and not get divorced, even if they're unhappy?
13. What are your thoughts about gay marriage?
14. Is marriage a thing of the past?
15. What do you think about people spending thousands of dollars on an extravagant wedding?

Drinking Alcohol

1. What is the legal drinking age in your country?
2. Is the drinking age too young, too old, or just right?
3. Is there social pressure for people to drink alcohol in your country?
4. What was your first experience with drinking alcohol?
5. Do you think the penalties for drinking and driving are too harsh or too lenient?
6. In your opinion, how many drinks can someone have and still drive?
7. If you drink, what do you enjoy drinking?
8. Who do you usually drink with?
9. When do you usually drink alcohol?
10. Have you ever had a hangover?
11. What are some good hangover cures?
12. What do you think about alcohol being served at a work party?
13. Do you think alcohol helps people get to know each other?
14. Do you think drinking alcohol on a first date is a wise decision?
15. What are some reasons that people drink too much?

Eating Out

1. How often do you eat out?
2. When you eat out, what's your motivation? (Don't like doing dishes, not enough time, it's delicious, etc.)
3. What's your favorite restaurant?
4. Where do you go for a cheap, quick meal?
5. What do you think about fast-food restaurants?
6. What are some ways that fast-food restaurants market to kids?
7. Do you prefer chain restaurants or independent ones?
8. Do you think restaurants are quite cheap, too expensive or just right?
9. Is tipping at restaurants common where you're from?
10. What percentage do you usually tip?
11. If there's a hair in your food, what do you do?
12. If you asked for a steak cooked medium-rare and it's well done, what would you do?
13. Does your family like to eat out to celebrate special occasions like a birthday?
14. Is there a certain kind of restaurant that you wish were closer to your house?
15. When you eat out, do you ever make a reservation?

The Environment

1. Are you concerned about environmental issues?
2. Which environmental issues are most worrying?
3. Name 10 things people can do to help the environment.
4. What do you regularly do to help the environment?
5. Is it mostly up to individuals, the government, or businesses to protect the environment?
6. What do you think about your government's environmental policies?
7. Have you ever considered energy consumption when buying an electronic device?
8. Did you consider gas consumption the last time you bought a car?
9. Do you think global warming is a serious issue?
10. Can science prevent global warming in the future?
11. What are some examples of fossil fuels?
12. What are some examples of renewable energy sources?
13. Going vegan can save the world. Do you agree or disagree with this?
14. If the oceans die, we die. Do you agree or disagree with this?
15. What do you think about environmental activists like *GreenPeace* or *Sea Shepherd*?

Exercise

1. How often do you exercise?
2. What kinds of exercise do you like?
3. What are some examples of cardiovascular exercises? Which ones do you like?
4. When you were a kid, did you like to exercise?
5. Do you prefer team or individual sports and activities?
6. Do you prefer to exercise indoors or outdoors?
7. Name five benefits of exercise.
8. Which one of these is the most important to you?
9. What do you think about professional sports? Do you like to watch or have a favorite team?
10. Do you think you have a healthy lifestyle?
11. Is obesity a problem in your country?
12. How often should kids have gym (physical education) classes in school?
13. Did you learn to swim when you were a kid?
14. Did you learn to ice skate when you were young?
15. What are some reasons that people don't exercise?

Family

1. Who are the people in your family who are important to you?
2. Do you live alone or with your family?
3. Is family important to you?
4. Do you have any friends who you'd consider to be family?
5. Did you get along with your brothers and sisters growing up? Or, are you an only child?
6. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of being an only child?
7. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of having many siblings?
8. Did your parents treat all children equally in your family when growing up?
9. Were you pressured by your parents to act in any certain way when you were a kid?
10. Did you have any chores growing up?
11. Did you have to keep your room clean when you were a child?
12. Did you use to spend a lot of time with your grandparents?
13. Do you have lots of cousins? Did you spend time with them when you were young?
14. What do you think is the best way to discipline children?
15. Do you have lots of extended family in the city where you live? Is this a positive or negative thing?

Food

1. What are some of your favorite foods?
2. What are some foods that you dislike?
3. Name 10 very healthy foods.
4. Name 10 very unhealthy foods.
5. What do you usually eat for breakfast?
6. What do you usually eat for lunch?
7. What do you usually eat for dinner?
8. Does your family usually eat dinner together?
9. Who cooks most of the food that you eat?
10. Who did most of the cooking at your house growing up?
11. How often do you eat out?
12. What's your favorite kind of food? (Italian, Chinese, Korean, etc.)
13. What's your favorite restaurant?
14. Is there any food that you can't stop eating once you start and that you eat too much of?
15. What does your family eat for special meals or holidays?

Free Time

1. How much free time do you usually have on weekdays?
2. Is that enough for you? Or, would you like to have more?
3. Do you ever have to work late? Or, study late into the night?
4. How much free time do you have on weekends?
5. Is that enough? Or, would you like to have more?
6. Do you like to sleep in on weekends?
7. How do you spend your free time?
8. Do you like to hang out at home or go out when you have free time?
9. What are some popular activities in your city that people do on the weekends?
10. Do these activities change depending on the season?
11. If you have kids, did the amount of free time you have drop significantly when you had them?
12. What do you think about mandatory 4-day work weeks?
13. Should employees be forced to work overtime (with extra pay) or should it be optional?
14. Do you, "work to live," or, "live to work?"
15. If you have a partner, do you spend your free time differently now than when you were single?

Friends

1. Are friends important to you?
2. Are friends or family more important in your life?
3. It's not easy for adults to make new friends. Do you agree or disagree?
4. Did you have a best friend when you were growing up? Describe them.
5. Have you ever made a new friend online?
6. Can you have online friends that you've never met in real life?
7. Have you ever made a new friend through a sport or club?
8. How do you like to stay in touch with friends?
9. Good friends can help improve your health. Do you agree or disagree with this?
10. Have you seen the TV show *Friends*? Is it realistic?
11. What do you like to do with your friends?
12. Can males and females be good friends? Or, is this impossible?
13. Would you rather have one best friend or many different connections?
14. Are you friends with any of your ex-boyfriends or girlfriends?
15. At what age are friendships most important?

Future

1. What will the world look like in 10 years from now?
2. What will the world look like in 50 years from now?
3. When do you think flying cars or scooters (or something similar) will happen on a big scale?
4. What do you think about driverless cars?
5. Do you think robots will ever take over the world?
6. What are 1-2 of your plans for the future?
7. What did you want to be growing up? Did that work out?
8. Do you think it's helpful or harmful to tell kids that they can be anything they want to be when they get older?
9. Do you think life will be better or worse for the next generation?
10. Do you think life was better for your parents or you?
11. Are you worried about the future of the Earth when you consider the environment?
12. Will the Earth continue to get warmer (global warming)? Or, can we reverse the trend?
13. Do you think humans help or harm the Earth in general?
14. Do you think that food scarcity will become a problem within your lifetime?
15. People keep living longer. Is there a limit to this?

Gender Roles

1. Do you think there are some jobs that men are better at than women?
2. Are there some jobs that women are better at?
3. Are there specific expectations of men and women in your country?
4. Have you ever heard of the "glass ceiling"?
5. Is this a problem in your country?
6. What was life at your house like growing up? Did your parents stick to specific chores or gender roles?
7. Do you see yourself as a "typical" man or woman?
8. Do you have children? Who is mostly responsible for caring for them?
9. A man and woman are married but the woman makes more money at her job. Should the man stay home to care for the children?
10. Are there different expectations for boys and girls growing up in your country?
11. Is there a mandatory military service in your country? Is it equal for both genders?
12. Who should pay for a first date?
13. Can a man and woman be just friends or is it always confusing?
14. Is it okay for a man to cry?
15. Is it okay for a woman to cry?

Getting a Job

1. Name at least 5 ways that people get jobs in your country.
2. Did you have any part-time jobs in school? How did you get them?
3. How did you get your current job?
4. What is the most common way to get a job in your country?
5. What do you think about places that require you to put a photo on a job application?
6. What are five very common job interview questions?
7. Have you ever been to a really difficult job interview? What happened?
8. Is it easy or difficult to get a job in your country?
9. Is youth unemployment a problem?
10. Do you have any tips on how someone should dress for a job interview?
11. Do you think discrimination about people because of their age, gender, skin color, etc. is a problem when applying for jobs in your country?
12. What information do you have to include on a resume?
13. Think about where you work. If you were in charge of hiring, how would you go about this?
14. Is English important for getting a job where you live?
15. What other kinds of things can give you a "leg up" on the competition in the job market in your country?

Getting to Know Someone

1. What do you like to do in your free time?
2. What do you do?
3. What did you want to be when growing up?
4. Where did you grow up?
5. Tell me about your family.
6. What's your favorite restaurant?
7. When you spend time at home, what do you like to do?
8. Have you learned anything new lately?
9. If you could live anywhere, where would you live?
10. If you could have any job, what would you do?
11. What was your favorite vacation?
12. What was the last thing you watched on TV?
13. What's your favorite meal to cook at home?
14. What's your favorite chore? Your least favorite one?
15. Do you have any kids?

Going to a Party

1. What was the last party you went to?
2. What was the last party held in your honor?
3. Do you generally like going to parties?
4. Did your school or workplace have any parties this year?
5. Do you prefer big or small parties?
6. Do you like to meet new people at parties or do you generally talk to people you already know?
7. Do you generally bring a gift to the host of the party?
8. Have you ever thrown a surprise party (or had one thrown for you)?
9. Do you think you'd be happy if someone threw you a surprise party?
10. How much do you generally spend on birthday gifts for someone?
11. How were birthdays celebrated when you were growing up?
12. What kind of food do you usually bring to potluck parties?
13. Would you rather have a party at your house or go to someone else's house for a party?
14. Is it impolite to click attending on Facebook for a party but not go?
15. Do you enjoy dance parties?

Habits

1. Name five healthy habits.
2. What are some of your healthy habits?
3. Name five unhealthy habits.
4. What are some of your unhealthy habits?
5. Do you ever sleep in?
6. What are some good study habits?
7. What are some bad study habits?
8. Have you tried to change any of your habits lately? How did it go?
9. Is it better to gradually stop something like smoking or to quit "cold turkey" (all at once)?
10. Would you be motivated to do something like quit smoking, drink less, or exercise more if someone offered you money to do it?
11. Are you annoyed by other people's bad habits?
12. What would you do if someone was chewing gum loudly next to you on the bus or train?
13. Do you think people should be allowed to smoke inside?
14. Should people be allowed to drink in public?
15. What habits should parents teach their children?

Happiness

1. What are some things that make you feel happy?
2. What are some things that make you feel unhappy?
3. Do you consider yourself to be a happy person?
4. Do you think you're happier than most of your friends?
5. What do you do when you feel a bit sad?
6. What was the happiest time in your life?
7. Can money buy happiness?
8. Do you think someone can be happy if they're poor?
9. Do you feel happiest when you're single or have a partner?
10. Is being happy the goal of life?
11. Do you think people in some countries are happier than others?
12. Does the weather affect your mood? How?
13. Have you ever worked really hard for a period of time so that you could be happier later?
14. Were/are you happy being a student? Or do you prefer working?
15. Will you be happier when you retire?

Hobbies

1. What hobbies are very popular where you live?
2. What are some of your favorite hobbies?
3. What kinds of hobbies do you dislike?
4. How often do you get to do your hobbies?
5. Do you wish you had more time for your hobbies?
6. Have you ever made money from a hobby of yours?
7. What kinds of hobbies did you enjoy when you were a kid?
8. Do you still do any of those things?
9. Do you enjoy the same hobbies as your partner (if you have one)?
10. Do you prefer hobbies that are individual or with other people?
11. Why do people have hobbies?
12. Do you have any expensive hobbies?
13. Do you have any free or cheap hobbies?
14. What are some dangerous hobbies?
15. Would you rather have 1 or 2 hobbies or many?

Holidays

1. What are the most important holidays in your country?
2. What are some special foods that are eaten during these times?
3. Is gift-giving a part of any of these holidays?
4. Do people decorate their houses during any of these holidays?
5. What's your favorite holiday? Why?
6. What was your favorite holiday when you were a kid?
7. What are some of your good memories of past holidays?
8. Do you spend most holidays with your family?
9. Have you ever done anything unusual for a holiday that wasn't what you usually do?
10. Do you think some holidays are overrated?
11. Do you think many holidays are too commercialized?
12. Have some holidays like Christmas or Easter lost their original meaning?
13. Are there enough official holiday days in your country where you don't have to work?
14. Have you ever hosted a big holiday dinner or party before? How did it go?
15. What new holiday would you propose in your country?

Home

1. Name 10 adjectives that could be used to describe a home.
2. Describe where you live.
3. What was your home like growing up?
4. Are you happy living there or would you prefer to live somewhere else?
5. Describe your neighborhood.
6. Do you know any of your neighbors? What are they like?
7. Do you live alone or with other people?
8. Is this what you'd prefer?
9. What are some of your favorite things to do at home?
10. Do you like to meet friends out or do you invite them over to your house?
11. Have you recently done any home renovations? What did you do?
12. Do you have any pets?
13. Do you have a backyard? What are some advantages and disadvantages of this?
14. Would you prefer living in a house or a big apartment complex?
15. Would you prefer to live in the city or country? Why?

The Internet

1. Name 10 things you can use the Internet for.
2. Name 5 ways in which the Internet can be harmful.
3. How do you spend most of your time on the Internet?
4. How many hours a day are you online?
5. How do you usually access the Internet? (kind of device)
6. Do you need to use the Internet for school or work?
7. If you could, would you choose to work (do school) from home, or would you rather go into the office (school)?
8. Has the Internet had any negative impacts on your life?
9. What are some security issues to consider when using the Internet?
10. Are you addicted to being online or do you find it nice to unplug for a while?
11. Do you remember life before the Internet? What was different? Or, imagine what was different if you don't.
12. How nervous do you feel if your phone is running low on battery?
13. Do you like to instantly check text messages or is your phone usually on silent?
14. Have you ever used the Internet to help you learn English?
15. Which company is your Internet provider? How did you choose them?

Jobs

1. Name 10 jobs for which you need a university degree.
2. Name 10 jobs for which you don't need a university degree.
3. Name 10 jobs where people have to work at night or on the weekend.
4. What are some of the most coveted jobs in your country?
5. What did you want to be growing up?
6. Describe your job now (or plan for after graduation).
7. What's a typical day at your job like?
8. Do you have to attend a lot of meetings or check lots of emails for your job? What do you think about these things?
9. How often do you work overtime?
10. Do you ever work on weekends or holidays?
11. Did you have any interesting part-time jobs when you were a student?
12. At what age do people usually retire in your country?
13. Would you retire early if you could?
14. What do you think about a 4-day work week for everyone?
15. What's the minimum wage in your country? Should it be higher or lower?

Laws

1. Name 10 things you can't do in your country (for example murder someone).
2. Do you know of any laws that are outdated where you live?
3. Why are laws important in society?
4. If you were president, what are some things that you would change in your country?
5. Should people be allowed to own guns?
6. Should recreational drugs like marijuana be legalized?
7. At what age should people be allowed to drive?
8. At what age should people be allowed to smoke or drink alcohol?
9. Have you ever broken any laws? (even small ones)
10. What are some laws that people often ignore?
11. Are the laws in your country similar to other countries that you know about?
12. Do you think the laws are enforced equally for everyone in your society?
13. Do you respect copyright laws or do you download things illegally?
14. Is capital punishment legal in your country?
15. Do you think capital punishment might deter criminals in your country?

Learning English

1. Name 10 reasons why someone might be studying English?
2. What's your motivation for learning English?
3. How long have you been studying English?
4. Is studying English mandatory in schools in your country?
5. What do you find easy about learning English?
6. What do you find difficult about learning English?
7. Are you studying any other languages?
8. What are some similarities and differences between English and your first language?
9. Do you prefer studying alone, with a partner, or in a class?
10. Do you prefer studying with a native English speaking teacher or someone who speaks your first language fluently?
11. Do you prefer speaking/listening or reading/writing?
12. Do you enjoy watching English TV shows or movies?
13. Do you ever read English newspapers, books, or magazines?
14. Think about someone you know who speaks English fluently. How did they get so good at English?
15. What are your plans for studying English in the future?

Manners

1. What are some examples of good manners in a restaurant?
2. What are some examples of bad manners in a restaurant?
3. What is good etiquette in a movie theater?
4. What are examples of good manners on a first date?
5. Do you think a man should pay the bill on a first date?
6. What are some general etiquette rules for cell phones?
7. Should children be expected to have good table manners?
8. What are some good ways to teach manners to children?
9. Are there some things that are considered to be "good manners" that annoy you or that you think are unnecessary?
10. What advice would you give someone new to your country about manners?
11. Do you know some examples of things that are good manners in one country but bad manners in another country?
12. Are there any countries that have a reputation for being very polite?
13. What do you think about PDA (public displays of affection—kissing, hugging, etc.)?
14. Are you a polite driver?
15. Do you ever honk your horn at people when you drive? What for?

Meeting People

1. Where are some of the best places to meet people in your country?
2. Have you made any new friends recently? Where did you meet them?
3. Do you have any online-only friends?
4. Have you ever met someone online that eventually became a friend in real life?
5. Have you ever tried online dating?
6. Do you think it's easier to meet people for dating online, or in-person where you live?
7. Where do you like to hang out with your friends?
8. What do you think about going to a big party where you don't know many people?
9. What are some topics to talk about when meeting someone for the first time?
10. Do you make small talk with taxi drivers or shop keepers?
11. Do you remember peoples' names easily?
12. Is it okay to ask for someone's age in your country when you meet them?
13. How important do you think first impressions are?
14. Do business people exchange cards in your country?
15. Do you ever go to conferences or networking events for your work or school?

Money

1. Money can't buy happiness. Do you agree or disagree with this?
2. Are you a saver or a spender?
3. Do you think that actors and sports players are overpaid?
4. Would you work more hours if your salary was increased too?
5. What do you think about a universal basic income?
6. Should rich countries do more to help poorer countries?
7. How much money do you generally spend each day?
8. How much do you spend on presents?
9. Do you compare prices when you go shopping?
10. Have you ever bought something used? What was it?
11. Where can you haggle for prices in your country?
12. Are you saving up to buy something?
13. What is tipping like in your country? How much and where?
14. Is there a sales tax in your country?
15. Do you invest in the stock market? How do you do this?

Movies

1. What was the last movie you saw?
2. What are 2-3 of your favorite movies of all time?
3. Are there any movies that you've watched more than once?
4. Do you have any favorite actors or actresses?
5. Do you ever follow celebrity gossip like who is dating or getting divorced?
6. Do you watch the Academy Awards?
7. Do you prefer watching movies in your first language or foreign language movies like ones in English?
8. Where do you like to watch movies?
9. Do you think movie theaters are a bit expensive or are you willing to pay for the experience?
10. How often do you watch a movie?
11. Are there any certain snacks you like to eat while watching a movie?
12. What do you think about documentaries?
13. Has a movie you watched ever changed your thinking about something?
14. Do you have a Netflix or Amazon Prime subscription? (or something similar)
15. Have you ever left a movie theater before the movie was finished because it was so terrible?

Music

1. Who are you listening to these days?
2. What kind of music do you like?
3. How often do you listen to music?
4. When do you listen to music?
5. Have you ever listened to any podcasts? What are some of your favorites?
6. Do you prefer podcasts to music?
7. Do you like listening to music at a reasonable volume or too loud?
8. Have you ever played in a band of some kind?
9. Do you play an instrument?
10. Do you know how to read music? How did you learn?
11. Have you ever been to a music concert? How was it?
12. Do you ever watch music videos on YouTube?
13. Do you prefer English music or music in your first language?
14. Have you ever done karaoke before?
15. What are some traditional instruments in your country?

Mysterious Things

1. Do you think there are unexplained things in the universe?
2. Have you ever been to a fortune-teller?
3. Do you believe that dreams are designed to tell us something?
4. Is it possible to predict the future in some way?
5. Do you ever check your horoscope?
6. Has anything ever happened to you that you can't explain?
7. Do you think the government sometimes hides things from citizens?
8. Do you think aliens and UFOs are real?
9. Do you think life can exist on other planets?
10. Do you think that houses or places can be haunted?
11. Have you heard of the Bermuda Triangle?
12. What do you think happens after death?
13. Do you think there are rewards for people who live good lives and punishments for people who live bad ones after they die?
14. Have you ever had the feeling of déjà vu?
15. Do you think twins have some sort of special connection?

Pets

1. Name 10 kinds of animals people might have as pets.
2. Do you have any pets?
3. Did you have any pets growing up?
4. If you could have a pet in the future, what kind would you like to get?
5. Do you think it's cruel to keep a pet like a cat inside all the time?
6. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of having a pet?
7. If you were getting a pet, would you consider getting it from a pet store?
8. Have you ever seen a "seeing eye dog" for a blind person before?
9. Pets for a Christmas present is a terrible idea. Do you agree or disagree with this?
10. Are you afraid of any animals?
11. Do you kill bugs inside your home or take them outside?
12. Do you know of any endangered or extinct species?
13. Have you ever ridden a horse?
14. Should it be illegal to use animals for product testing?
15. Are there certain animals like dogs that should be illegal to eat?

Plans for the Future

1. What will you do this weekend?
2. Do you have any plans for the upcoming vacation?
3. Do you have any plans to move or change jobs?
4. Do you have any plans for next year?
5. What do you want your life to look like in 5 years from now?
6. What do you want your life to look like in 20 years from now?
7. Are you generally optimistic about the future?
8. Do you think life was better for you or your parents?
9. Do you think life will be better for you or your kids?
10. Do your plans usually work out? Why or why not?
11. How will you use English in the future?
12. Do you think the world will eventually run out of fossil fuels? What will happen?
13. What do you think about climate change?
14. Will science find solutions for problems like global warming?
15. Do you think computers will ever take over the world?

Politics

1. Name the major political parties in your country.
2. Which party is in power now in your country?
3. Who is the president or prime minister of your country now?
4. What kind of political system does your country have?
5. What are some other types of political systems around the world?
6. Do you generally follow politics?
7. Where do you get your information about politics from?
8. Have you ever voted in an election? How did you decide who to vote for?
9. Have your political views changed as you've gotten older?
10. Do you think elections are fair in your country?
11. Do you think too much money is spent on elections?
12. Do you follow US politics?
13. What's your opinion of Donald Trump?
14. How do judges get their jobs in your country? Are they appointed, elected or is there some other way?
15. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of the EU (European Union)?

Possessions

1. What are some things that make you happy?
2. Do you have something expensive that you don't need?
3. Can you remember a gift that you enjoyed getting?
4. What is something in your kitchen that you use all the time?
5. Do you have any kitchen things that rarely get used?
6. What is something in the rest of your house that you use almost every day?
7. Are storage lockers common in your country?
8. What are some things that you don't enjoy taking care of?
9. Do you have lots of things or would you consider yourself to be a minimalist?
10. What do you think of extreme minimalism?
11. If you needed a new car, would you pay cash for it or make payments for a few years?
12. Would you rather have a big house that took 25 years to pay off or a smaller house that only took 15 years to pay off?
13. Do you generally spend money on disposable things (take-out coffee, magazines, etc.) or things that'll last a long time like a piece of sports equipment?
14. Would you rather have experiences or things?
15. Do you lend money to family or friends? Why or why not?

Retirement

1. Is there a mandatory retirement age in your country?
2. Do you think that there should be a mandatory retirement age?
3. At what age can someone receive a government pension in your country (if there is a program like this)?
4. Should the age of this be raised now that people are living longer?
5. What age do you think is good to retire?
6. Have you heard about the FIRE movement (financial independence retire early) where people sometimes retire when they're 30?
7. Would you consider retiring earlier than normal if you could afford it?
8. What are some of the positive things about working?
9. What do you think you'll spend your time doing when you retire?
10. Would you ever consider moving to a "retirement community" with only older people?
11. Do you plan to move after you retire?
12. Do you enjoy your job?
13. Do you have a pension plan at work?
14. Do you think children should help their parents out financially when they get jobs?
15. Do you think parents should support their children financially for as long as they need help?

School Days

1. What's a favorite memory from elementary school?
2. What's a favorite memory from middle school?
3. What's a favorite memory from high school?
4. What sports or clubs did you join in school?
5. Tell me about your favorite teacher growing up.
6. What was your favorite subject when you were a kid?
7. What are some qualities of a good teacher?
8. What are some qualities of a bad teacher?
9. Have you ever thought about being a teacher for your job?
10. Do you mostly have positive or negative memories from your time in school?
11. If you could change something about the education system in your country, what would you change?
12. What do you think about parents who choose to home school their children?
13. What's the purpose of school and education?
14. Do you think students should have more or less vacation time in your country? Or, is it just about right?
15. What are some positives and negatives about school uniforms? What's your personal experience with them?

Seasons

1. What are the main seasons in your country?
2. Describe the weather during each of the seasons.
3. What kinds of clothes do people wear during each season?
4. What kinds of activities do people do during each season?
5. What's your favorite season? Why?
6. What are some activities that you do during your favorite season?
7. What's your least favorite season? Why?
8. What are some of the activities you do during your least favorite season?
9. Have your favorite and least favorite seasons changed from when you were a kid?
10. What color do you associate with each season? Why?
11. Are there any special festivals or celebrations related to the seasons where you live?
12. Are there any special foods related to a season?
13. Do you think global warming is a real thing? Have you noticed any season getting hotter where you live?
14. Why do you think people do "spring cleaning?"
15. Have you ever done spring cleaning?

Shopping

1. How often do you go shopping?
2. What do you most like shopping for?
3. Do you generally like or dislike shopping?
4. What are your thoughts about online shopping?
5. Did you start buying more things online during Covid-19?
6. Will physical stores ever become a thing of the past?
7. What are 1-2 of your favorite stores?
8. Who goes grocery shopping at your house?
9. Where do you buy groceries from?
10. "Shop till you drop." Have you ever done this?
11. Do you ever go "window shopping" just for fun?
12. What was the last big thing that you bought?
13. What was the last small, inexpensive thing that you bought?
14. Do you enjoy buying presents for people?
15. What do you think about people going into debt to buy Christmas presents for example?

Sleep

1. What's an average night sleep for you?
2. How long did you sleep last night?
3. What time do you usually go to bed?
4. What time do you usually wake up?
5. Do you regularly have to wake up before you want to?
6. Do you have any bedtime routines?
7. Do you have any morning routines?
8. Do you usually sleep on trains, planes, or cars when you're not driving?
9. Do you have trouble sleeping when you're not in your own bed?
10. Have you ever worked the night shift?
11. What are some jobs that require people to work overnight?
12. What are some advantages and some disadvantages to working at night?
13. Do you consider yourself to be a light sleeper?
14. Do you snore?
15. What are some things that prevent you from sleeping at night?

Smoking

1. Do you smoke? How often?
2. Have you smoked previously but not don't?
3. Do you have any friends or family members that smoke?
4. What are some of the negative effects of smoking?
5. Are there any advantages to smoking?
6. How much do cigarettes cost in your country?
7. Do you think the government should increase taxes on cigarettes to discourage people from smoking?
8. At what age can people buy cigarettes in your country?
9. Is this too high, too low, or just about right?
10. Are cigarette companies allowed to advertise in your country?
11. Can people smoke anywhere in your country or are there restrictions?
12. Should smoking be allowed in bars or restaurants?
13. Have you ever heard a "smoker's cough?"
14. Why do you think it's so difficult to quit smoking?
15. Do you think it's easier to quit smoking by gradually reducing the number of cigarettes per day or to just go "cold turkey."

Social Problems

1. What are some of the social issues in the news lately?
2. Does your country have a strong or weak "social safety net?"
3. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes to have more services for people that need help?
4. What do you think about the response of your country to Covid-19?
5. Is homelessness a problem in your country?
6. What do you think when you see a homeless person?
7. What are some of the reasons why someone might become homeless?
8. What are your thoughts about a universal basic income for everyone?
9. Is racism a problem in your country?
10. What are the attitudes towards older people in your country?
11. Do older people generally live with children or in places like nursing homes?
12. What kinds of drugs are legal and illegal in your country?
13. What are some reasons that people use illegal drugs?
14. Do you think that some drugs like marijuana should be decriminalized?
15. Do you think the police generally do a good job maintaining order in a fair, peaceful way in your country?

Sports

1. Do you like to play sports?
2. What's your favorite sport?
3. How often do you play sports?
4. Do you prefer individual or team sports?
5. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of team sports?
6. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of individual sports?
7. Do you ever watch sports on TV?
8. Are you interested in the summer or winter Olympics?
9. Do you have a favorite sports team?
10. Do you think athletes are overpaid for what they do?
11. Should college athletes be paid?
12. Did your high school or middle school have any sports teams?
13. Have you tried any new sports lately?
14. What do you think about extreme sports?
15. What are some expensive sports? What are some that you can mostly do for free?

Stress

1. What are 10 things that can cause stress?
2. What are 10 things people do to reduce stress?
3. How much stress do you have in your life?
4. What causes you stress?
5. What do you do to reduce stress?
6. Do you ever have so much stress that it affects your sleep?
7. Do you consider yourself to be good at handling stress?
8. What are some of the most stressful jobs?
9. Some people think that multitasking makes them more effective. Do you agree or disagree with this?
10. Do you find waiting in line stressful?
11. Do you find tests stressful?
12. Do you ever think that stress can be a good thing?
13. Is your home a relaxing or stressful place? Why?
14. Do you sometimes feel like you're too busy to enjoy life?
15. When you feel stressed about something, do you like to talk to other people about it?

Technology

1. Name 10 kinds of technology that you interact with daily.
2. What are some interesting new technologies you've heard about lately?
3. Do you consider yourself to be a techie?
4. Have you heard the term, "early adopter?" What does it mean?
5. Are you the kind of person who loves getting the latest cell phone every year or two?
6. How much influence does technology have on your daily life?
7. Do you think that technology can reverse something like global warming?
8. What are the negative effects of technology on our lives?
9. Do you think that robots or artificial intelligence will one day take over the world?
10. Do you think face-to-face interaction has been reduced because of technology in our lives?
11. What is the difference between technology and science?
12. What are three of the most important inventions of all time?
13. Do you think people should be allowed to clone themselves?
14. What are some advantages and disadvantages of GMOs (genetically modified food)?
15. Are you willing to pay more for organic food?

Things that Annoy You

1. What are some of your pet peeves?
2. What are some things that annoy you about where you live?
3. What are some things that annoy you about your school or workplace?
4. What are some things that annoy you about your family members?
5. Do you do anything regularly that might annoy other people?
6. Your friend is always at least 30 minutes late when you agree to meet him. How do you feel about this?
7. Your bank always has a big line of at least 20 minutes. Would you consider changing banks because of this?
8. What do you think about someone listening to music on public transportation without headphones?
9. If someone cuts in line in front of you, what do you do?
10. If someone does something that annoys you, do you let them know or do you keep it to yourself?
11. How long is your commute? How do you feel about this?
12. What do you think about PDA (public displays of affection)?
13. Do people smoking in public annoy you?
14. Does it annoy when people use emojis or abbreviations when texting?
15. Do you find any famous people annoying?

Time

1. How do you spend most of your time?
2. What do you like to do in your free time?
3. Do you feel like you have enough free time?
4. What would you do if you had an extra 5 hours each day?
5. What does your work or study time look like?
6. What's your busiest day of the week?
7. What's your most relaxing day?
8. Do you usually feel like time moves slowly or quickly?
9. What time do you usually get up?
10. What time do you go to bed at night?
11. What was the best time in your life so far?
12. Describe your typical day.
13. Are you ever late for things? What usually causes this?
14. Have you ever turned in a school assignment or a work project late?
15. Do you get bored easily?

Travel

1. Have you ever taken a trip outside your country?
2. Describe your last vacation.
3. What was a memorable vacation from childhood?
4. What was the best vacation you've ever taken?
5. Do you have any future travel plans coming up?
6. What would your dream vacation look like?
7. Did you go on an interesting school trip when you were a kid?
8. What are some of the popular tourist destinations in your country?
9. When you travel, do you like to say close to home or go to other countries?
10. Do you like lounging on the beach or do you prefer to be more active?
11. Do you prefer summer or winter vacations?
12. Have you had any travel nightmares?
13. Have you ever lost or had your passport, phone, or wallet stolen when traveling?
14. What do you think about kids studying abroad to learn English?
15. Could you live in another country for the rest of your life?

TV

1. Name 10 TV show genres.
2. What kinds of shows do you normally enjoy?
3. What are 1-2 shows that you watch these days?
4. What's your favorite TV series of all time?
5. Do you have any favorite TV actors or actresses?
6. How often do you watch TV?
7. When do you watch TV?
8. Do you think you watch too much TV?
9. On what kind of devices do you watch TV?
10. Do you have a Netflix or Amazon Prime subscription (or something similar)?
11. What do you think about downloading TV shows for free from a Torrent site?
12. Do you think you're influenced by TV commercials?
13. What do you think about young kids watching TV?
14. What are some reasons people watch lots of TV?
15. What are the disadvantages of watching TV?

Weather

1. What's the weather like in summer in your country?
2. What the weather like in fall?
3. What's the weather like in winter?
4. What's the weather like in spring?
5. What is the average temperature in each season?
6. What are some activities that people do in each season?
7. What's your favorite season? Why?
8. What's your least favorite season? Why?
9. Which season is the most beautiful?
10. What kind of weather do you like best? Why?
11. What kind of weather do you hate?
12. Would you rather live in a place that's always hot or always cold?
13. Do you think we're getting more extreme weather lately because of global warming?
14. Has extreme weather like a tornado, blizzard, or earthquake ever impacted your life?
15. What kind of weather do you prefer when choosing a vacation?

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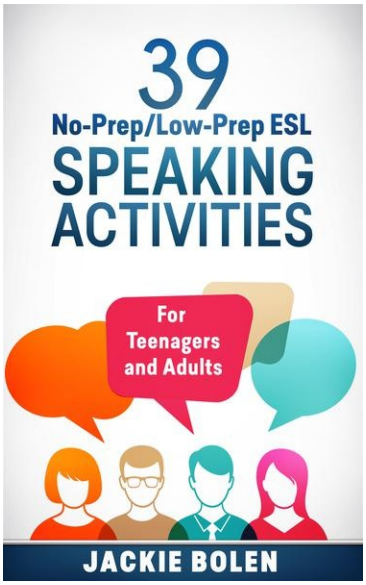
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