

28 DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Hobbies

- What are your hobbies?
- Why do you like your hobbies so much?
- How often do you do these hobbies?
- How long have you been doing these hobbies, and how did you get started?
- What hobbies did you used to have, but now do not?
- Is it important to have hobbies? Why/why not?

2. Time

- How much free time do you usually have?
- How important is time to you?
- If you had more free time, what would you do?
- "Time is money." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- How do you feel about time that is wasted?

3. Sleep

- How much sleep do you usually get?
- Why do some people sleep well while other people do not sleep well?
- What do you do when you have trouble sleeping?
- What time do you usually go to sleep? What time do you usually get up?
- Have you ever slept in a strange place that was not a bed?

4. Music

- What types of music do you like/dislike?
- How do certain kinds of music make you feel?
- What types of music come from your country?
- What's your favourite song/album/artist?
- What music is popular in your country right now?

5. First Dates

- How many first dates have you had?
- How do you feel about first dates?
- What is a common first date like in your country?
- What is the best/worst first date experience you've ever had?
- What makes a good first date in your opinion?

6. Work

- What work do/did you do?
- How do/did you like the work?
- What is your dream job?
- What work is common in your city/area/country?
- What is your general view about work? Why?

7. Risk

- What is your definition of risk?
- Are you a risk taker? Why/why not?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of taking risks?
- What risks do you come across in your work/life?
- What risks have you taken in your life?

8. Food

- What is your favourite food? Why?
- What food comes from your country?
- How do you feel when you eat food?
- What foods do you dislike? Why? — Where do you usually get food from?

9. Motivation

- How motivated are you in general?
- What motivates you to do things?
- What is the best motivator to succeed?
- What do you do when you feel demotivated?
- What is a good way to motivate others?

10. Beauty

- What is “beauty”?
- What/who do you consider beautiful?
- What does “inner beauty” mean to you?
- Do you consider artificial beauty (cosmetic surgery) to still be beauty? Why/why not?
- How do you feel about the emphasis that people put on beauty these days?
- What would you tell your children about beauty?

11. Crime

- Is crime a big problem in your city/country?
- Have you ever been a victim of crime?
- What crime is common in your city/country?
- What would you do if you noticed a crime being committed?
- How is the law enforcement in your city/country?

12. Love

- What is love?
- Who/what do you love?
- What good/bad experiences have you had with love?
- Can you be too young to be in love? Why/why not?
- How do you feel about love?

13. Goals

- What are your current goals in life?
- How do you plan to reach your goals?
- How often do you set goals for yourself?
- What goals have you set and achieved in the past?
- How do you feel when you reach your goals?

14. Dreams

- What kinds of dreams do you have?
- What do you think dreams mean?
- How much of your dreams do you remember? Why?
- What is your opinion on premonitions? Are they real?
- What are examples of memorable dreams you have had?

15. Restaurants

- How often do you go to restaurants?
- What is your favourite restaurant? Why?
- What do you usually order at a restaurant?
- What is the restaurant experience like in your country?
- Have you ever worked in a restaurant?
- If you owned a restaurant, what kinds of food would you serve?

16. Cooking

- In your home, who usually cooks?
- How often do you cook?
- How well do you cook? What can you cook well?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of cooking?

- What food would you like to learn how to cook?

17. Money

- How well do you manage your money?
- Why do some people have money problems?
- What are some good ways to make money?
- What would you do if I gave you \$20/\$2,000/\$2,000,000?
- How often do you save money? Why?

18. Shopping

- Do you enjoy shopping? Why/why not?
- What is your favourite shop? Why?
- In your city, where is a good place to go shopping?
- How do you feel about online shopping?
- How do you think shopping will be like in the future?

19. Plans

- How often do you plan things? Why?
- What are your plans for (_____)?
- What are your plans for your English?
- What do you think of this quote? "Having no plan is a plan to fail."
- Do you have any back-up plans?

20. Books

- Do you like books/reading? Why/why not?
- What kind of books do/did you like?
- What is your favourite book? Why?
- What was the last book you read?
- Do you believe reading books/literature is more important than reading stuff online?
Why/why not?

21. Sports

- Do you like sports? Why/why not?
- How often do you exercise/play sports?
- Did you play any sports as a child?
- What sport/physical activity is popular in your country?
- What is your opinion on professional sports?

22. Life

- What is the meaning of life?
- How is your life going up to this point?
- What do you think happens after life?
- What important life lessons have you learned?
- If tomorrow was your last day to live, what would you do?

23. Television

- How often do you watch TV?
- Should everyone have a television in their home?
- What is the best way to watch television: on a television set, computer, tablet or phone?
- What television programs are popular in your country?
- What do you think will be the future of television?
- What is your opinion about television?
- If you had your own TV show, what would it be like?

24. Learning

- How important is learning? Why?
- Besides English, what are you currently learning?

- What things are you good/bad at learning? Why?
- What would you most like to learn?
- What is the most difficult part of learning? Why?

25. Movies

- What was the last movie you saw? How was it?
- What is your favourite movie? Why?
- How are the movies in your country? What are the best ones?
- How often do you watch movies in English?
- If there were a movie about your life, what kind of movie would it be? Why?

26. Games

- What is your favourite game ever?
- What games did you play as a kid?
- What games are popular/came from your country?
- How competitive are you when it comes to games?
- What games do you still play now? Why?

27. Computers

- Describe your computer at home/work.
- What do you usually use a computer for?
- Do you like computers? Why/why not?
- What was the first computer you ever had like?
- What do you think will be the future of computers?

28. Problems

- How do you deal with your problems?
- What problems do you come across in your work or life?
- Do you feel that problems are opportunities? Why or why not?
- What was the last problem you solved and how did you do it?
- “Problems don’t matter. Solutions do.” Do you agree or disagree?

What’s your opinion about the questions below?

- 1) Is it important to have a hobby? Why? Why not? How can having a hobby help you?
- 2) Do you think people will have more or less free time in the future? Why?
- 3) Do you think work is considered too important in your society? Why? Why not?
- 4) What are some reasons why some people don’t sleep well?
- 5) What can be done to improve our sleep patterns and quality?
- 6) What would life be like without music?
- 7) How important is music for us?
- 8) What’s your opinion of dating agencies?
- 9) Are there any problems with meeting people online? If so, what are they?
- 10) Is it better to have a badly paid job you love or a well-paid job you don’t like much? Why?
- 11) Should we get rid of risks in our lives? Can we? What about crossing the road?!
- 12) Are we being poisoned by chemicals in our food? What can we do to ensure we have a healthy diet?
- 13) Do you think the fashion and / or cosmetics industry puts too much pressure on people, especially women to look ‘young’ and ‘beautiful’?
- 14) What about animal testing for chemicals to be used in cosmetics?
- 15) Should animal skins be used for clothing, shoes and bags?
- 16) Is it possible to reduce crime? How?

- 17) What's your opinion of arranged marriages? Do you think people can find love in these kinds of marriages?
- 18) How important is it to have goals? When you have a difficult or complex goal, how can you make it easier to achieve?
- 19) Can dreams tell us about ourselves? Some people record their dreams, do you think this is a good idea? Why? Why not?
- 20) The famous Beatles song goes: 'Money can't buy you love.' To what extent do you think this is true?
- 21) Do people buy things they don't really need? Why? Why not?
- 22) When do we need to plan things carefully? [Think about holidays, expeditions, studying, giving presentations, speeches, moving to a new country to live and / or work]
- 23) Do you think reading is a good way to learn a new language? Are there any benefits to reading?
- 24) Should sport/physical activity be a part of school life, our life in general? Why? Why not? Are professional sports players paid too much? Why do you think this?
- 25) Religions tell us to believe in life after death, but no one died and come back, unless you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What's your opinion?
- 26) Is it important to continue learning all your life? Why? Why not?
- 27) Does the movie industry have any benefits? If so, what?
- 28) Do computers play too big a part in our lives? If so, what can be done about this?