

TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR CONVERSATION for the CHAT AWAY and NATIVE SPEAKERS programmes

All levels – Junior High and High

Do you have a pet?

Your hometown or village

Your hobbies and interests

Celebrities and football stars.

The best holiday you ever had

A book, movie or TV series that really impressed you

Your ideal school (Subjects you would add or take away)

A school trip that you enjoyed

Your favourite Jewish festival

Suitable for High school

Your views on vegetarianism or veganism

Your views on advertising

Bullying (or shaming) on social media

A person (not a celebrity) who you really admire – why?

Causes you care about (climate change, preserving natural spaces, traffic accidents)

Your volunteering experience (מחויבות אישית)

A job in your spare time

If you won a big amount of money, what would you do with it?

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

Best friends (why are they important? Do you think you are a good friend – why/why not?)

Women as political leaders

Asking questions

Do you...? Did you ...? Have you ? Are questions that elicit yes/no answers.

They should be followed up with WH questions (including how?)

Why ...? What happened...? How did that happen, How was it ...?

and *Tell me about, describe that to me*

SUGGESTED SITES TO SCREEN SHARE FOR CONVERSATION (all just a few minutes long)

1a KEEP TALKING SITE (Ministry of Education, English Inspectorate)

<https://sites.google.com/view/keep-talking/videos-for-speaking-practice>

Click Video Bank.

Go to No. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 for Junior High and High

Mixed topics to stimulate responses.

1b. KEEP TALKING SITE (Ministry of Education, English Inspectorate)

For football fans Watch the full drama of the penalty shoot-out at Wembley in the 1996 semi-finals as Germany overcame England!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EiE7eLWI_M&feature=player_embedded

Questions:

Describe what is happening in the competition? What do you think the players are thinking about?

How does it feel to score? How does it feel to miss?

What do you think the players talked about in the dressing room after the game?

2. WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/uk-now/video-uk/womens-football>

3. FOR HARRY POTTER FANS (and who isn't!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-H1-LzWcIs>

Great to get learners started on this popular topic!

4. TALKING ABOUT PETS

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/can-dogs-sense-emotion>

https://www.ted.com/talks/tony_buffington_why_do_cats_act_so_weird#t-38415

https://www.ted.com/talks/eva_maria_geigl_the_history_of_the_world_according_to_cats#t-265383

5. ... and OTHER CREATURES

https://www.ted.com/talks/emma_bryce_should_we_eat_bugs

A bit gross (but kids love that) and a way to get started on what they like to eat!

https://www.ted.com/talks/gillian_gibb_why_can_t_some_birds_fly

https://www.ted.com/talks/carl_zimmer_how_did_feathers_evolve#t-197435

6. SAVING THE PLANET AND CLIMATE CHANGE

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/video-zone/insect-extinction>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/video-zone/greta-thunberg-and-george-monbiot-on-the-climate-crisis>

https://www.ted.com/talks/balsher_singh_sidhu_are_we_running_out_of_clean_water#t-288343

https://www.ted.com/talks/emma_bryce_what_really_happens_to_the_plastic_you_throw_away

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p076w7g5>

David Attenborough on climate change.

7. SCIENCE FOR KIDS

https://www.ted.com/talks/alexandra_horowitz_how_do_dogs_see_with_their_noses

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU_X70Y49zQ (Botany for kids)

https://www.ted.com/talks/eldridge_adams_can_animals_be_deceptive#t-291143

8. FABULOUS QUESTIONS TO STIMULATE CHAT

<https://burble.buzz/>