

Business Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

With your group, list five local businesses and five global companies.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you know anyone that owns their own business? What do they do?
2. Have you considered running your own business? What kind of business would you like to run?
3. How is 'business English' different from general English?
4. What is *business sense*, and do you have it?
5. Would you rather work for a big company or a small company? What are the pros and cons of each situation?
6. Some children are expected to work in their parents' business. Is it good to give children practical business experience at an early age? Why or why not?
7. Have you ever played the board game *Monopoly*? Is it a good way to teach children about commerce? Can you think of other fun ways to learn about business?
8. Business is important in today's economy. Is business education emphasized enough in school?
9. What is appropriate business attire? Should a businessman wear a tie to be taken seriously? How should a woman in business dress?
10. Capitalism is the main system of economic interaction in the world today. What are its advantages and disadvantages?
11. Who is your favorite *entrepreneur*? What did they do?
12. What are the world's greatest companies?
13. Which company has the worst reputation? Why?
14. Do you prefer to support local businesses over global corporations? If so, give an example.
15. Should the government do more to support small businesses and start-ups? What could they do?
16. Do corporations have too much influence over government?
17. Which types of business have the brightest future?

