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| **What are some of the reasons people adopt children?**  **Should people be able to decide what type of children they want to adopt? For example: boy or girl, hair color, age, etc.** | **What three pieces of advice will you give your children?**  **Whose advice do you follow more, your parents’ or your friends’ advice?** |
| **If you could give the leader of your country some advice, what would it be?** | **What are some things students should do to improve their English?** |
| **What should I do to make more money?** | **How can I get more free time?** |
| **What should people do when first meeting their boyfriend/girlfriend’s parents?** | **What should someone do to be happy?** |
| **What are some of the benefits of getting older?**  **Is aging more difficult for men or women? Why?**  **Are older people actually wiser?** | **How long do you want to live?** |
| **How many planets do you think are in our galaxy? How about the universe?** | **Do you think humans will travel to another planet in your lifetime?** |
| **Do you believe there is other life in the universe? How about intelligent life?**  **What do you think aliens might look like?**  **Do you think aliens have ever visited earth?** | **What animal best represents you? Why?** |
| **What is the cutest animal you can think of? How about the ugliest?** | **What are some examples of useful traits that help animals survive? (i.e. a giraffe’s long neck)** |
| **Why do humans have pets? Do you have a pet? Why or why not?** | **Are there any animals that we should try to kill off completely?** |
| **What is the first thing you notice about a person?** | **What do the clothes someone wears say about that person?** |
| **What kinds of things do you do to improve/maintain your appearance?** | **Are there any fashion trends in the past you followed but think are silly looking now?** |
| **How long does it take you to get ready in the morning?** | **Have you ever been intimidated by someone’s appearance?** |
| **Do people in your country talk a lot about other people’s appearance?** | **Is it rude to tell the person that they need to improve their appearance?** |
| **What are some buildings around where you live that you like?** | **Is it better to build concrete block buildings that are cheap, easy to build and all look the same or more expensive buildings that have varied design?** |
| **There are many types of houses (underground, eco-friendly, rural, apartment) What kind of house would be your ideal house?** | **Smart buildings are being built now that can do lots of things. What would you like to see buildings be able to do in the future?** |
| **Do you think that art is important to society? Why?** | **Have you ever tried drawing, painting, sculpting, or something else artistic?** |
| **Why is art so expensive? Do you think it should be more, or less, expensive?** | **Do you think that different cultures think about beauty differently?** |
| **What do you think of plastic surgery?**  **What is the most common plastic surgery in your country?** | **Who is the most beautiful/handsome celebrity in your country?** |
| **What makes someone beautiful?** | **What do you usually do to celebrate your birthday?**  **What was your most memorable birthday?** |
| **Do you think that the person having the birthday should pay for the birthday party or should their friends and family pay for the party? Why?** | **Where is the best place to have a birthday party?**  **What gifts do you like to receive on your birthday?** |
| **How have birthdays changed from generation to generation in your culture?** | **Do you read many books?**  **How often do you read books?** |
| **What are some of the advantages of books vs. movies? How about the disadvantages of books vs. movies?** | **Do you think people don’t read enough books these days?** |
| **What are some extraordinary things some people can do with their brains?** | **What do you think about most?** |
| **When do you use your brain the most?** | **What is the best activity to do while camping?** |
| **What are the 4 most important things to bring when you go camping?** | **Where is the best place to go camping in your country?** |
| **If you were going to get a new car, what kind of car would you get? A luxurious car? A sports car? A hybrid or electric car?**  **What kind of cars do you think look the best?** | **What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of driving versus public transportation?** |
| **What do you think cars will be like in the future?**  **Do you think the use of cars will increase or decrease in the future? Why?** | **What is a challenge you faced?** |
| **What kind of challenge would you like to try?** | **Some people think that facing challenges improves a person. Do you agree or disagree?** |
| **Do you think someone is a better person after they have been through a challenge?** | **What are some challenges you think the next generation will face?** |
| **Should people make their children have easy lives with few challenges or make sure their children face challenges?** | **Are you someone who likes change?**  **How do you think you will change in the future?**  **What is the most positive change you have experienced in your life?** |
| **“You are the same person you were 5 years ago except for the books you have read, the people you have met, and the places you have traveled.” Do you think this quote is accurate?** | **What are the biggest changes in the world you have seen since you were a child?** |
| **Do you give to charity or volunteer?**  **Do you give money to homeless people? Do you think people should give money to homeless people?** | **What do you think are some important charities people should give to?**  **Do you think it is better to give time or money?** |
| **Should rich people and corporations be forced to give to charity?** | **What was the best thing about your childhood?**  **What do you miss most about being a child?**  **What about your childhood do you wish you could change?** |
| **Do you think that children these days have a better or worse childhood than your generation? Why?**  **What do you want to provide your children that you didn’t have when you were growing up?** | **Would you rather live in your home country or live abroad?** |
| **Would you rather be smart or beautiful / handsome?** | **Would you rather be poor and happy or rich and unhappy?** |
| **Would you rather marry someone plain with a good personality or someone beautiful without much personality?** | **If war broke out in your country would you rather flee the country or fight?** |
| **Would you rather be rich or famous?** | **If you had to lose one of your senses (sight, smell, hearing, touch, taste) which would you rather lose?** |
| **Would you rather marry a rich celebrity or a rich CEO?** | **Would you rather have a brand new Mac or PC?** |
| **Would you rather take a trip to a new country or get a new TV?** | **Do you like cities or the country side? Which is better and why?** |
| **You can make one change to your country’s capital city, what will you change?** | **What are some of most famous cities in the world? What makes them famous?** |
| **How do you think cities will change in the future?** | **What city would you like to visit?** |
| **How clean is too clean?**  **How dirty is too dirty?** | **What is the dirtiest you have ever been?**  **If you drop food on the floor, will you pick it up, blow it off/dust it off and eat it?**  **How often do you clean your house or room?** |
| **What is your favorite color?**  **Is color important to you?**  **Does color affect your emotions?** | **If you HAD to change your hair color, what color would you change it to?**  **Colorful tattoos are becoming more popular in places like America. Do you think they will become as popular in your country? Why or why not? Would you ever get a tattoo? Why or why not?** |
| **It used to be common to talk to strangers. Do you think it’s okay to talk to people you don’t know?**  **How often do you start up a conversation with people you don’t know?** | **Use your imagination. How will people communicate in the future?** |
| **How have smart phones changed communication?** | **Do you think people can communicate with ghosts and spirits?** |
| **Do you own a computer? What do you use it for?**  **Think about smart phones, like the iPhone. Do you consider them computers? Why or why not?** | **Do you think the desktop computer is going to become less popular in the future? If so, what will replace it?** |
| **Talk about the first computer you ever used.** | **Talk about the differences between how you use a computer and children use a computer.** |
| **How often do you cook?**  **How good are you at cooking?**  **What are some things that you can cook?**  **What dish or food are you best at cooking?** | **What are some of the advantages of cooking your meals at home? How about the disadvantages?** |
| **What is the best way to fight corruption in business and politics?** | **If you were in a position of power, do you think you would be corrupt?** |
| **Is there a lot of corruption in your country?**  **What businesses have the most corruption in your country?** | **What do you think the most common crime in your country is?**  **Have you ever seen a crime? (Don’t talk about it if it’s too upsetting for you.)** |
| **Do you think it is important to follow a country’s customs when you visit there?**  **What are some customs in your country that people should follow when they are eating? Do you think other countries have the same custom?** | **Where is the best place in your city to take a date?**  **What is the best way to meet boyfriends or girlfriends?**  **When two people go on a date, who should pay?** |
| **Describe your ideal date.** | **What was the worst/best date that you have ever been on?** |
| **How often do you dream?**  **Do you think dreams have meanings?**  **Do you think dreams can tell the future?** | **Do you usually eat healthy food?**  **What are some things about your eating habits you want to change?**  **What is traditional food in your country like? Is it healthy?** |
| **What are some of the benefits and disadvantages of electric cars?** | **Do you think electric cars are popular in your country? Why or why not?** |
| **Have you hand-written a letter and sent it to someone?  If no, why not?  If yes, how often do you send letters and to whom?** | **What was the best or worst email you have ever received?**  **What can happen if someone steals your email password?** |
| **How much empathy do you feel towards other people?**  **Do you think it is possible to be too empathetic?** | **In what other jobs is empathy very important?**  **In what jobs is empathy a bad thing to have?** |
| **What is the most profitable type of business to open in your country?** | **Are people born entrepreneurs or are they made?**  **What traits make someone a good entrepreneur?** |
| **Would you like to open your own business? Why or why not?** | **What are some of the most serious environmental problems?**  **What are ten things individuals can do to help the environment?**  **What are five things governments can do to help the environment?** |
| **Who do you think has the most power in the family? Why?** | **Do you agree with the saying “Children should be seen and not heard”? Why do you agree or disagree?** |
| **What is the perfect number of children a family should have?** | **What do you think is the most important thing to make a happy family?** |
| **How do you define the word “home”? Is it where you live? Where your family lives or where you grew up?** | **What age is too young to get married?**  **Why do people get married?** |
| **What values will you pass on to your children?**  **Do you think society is losing its values?** | **Some people say that poorer societies have stronger values than richer countries. Do you agree?** |
| **What is a value other people think is very important which you don’t think is important?**  **Are there any values that your parents tried to make you follow but you weren’t good at doing?** | **Is fashion important or not important? Why or why not?** |
| **Do you like to meet new people or do you prefer to hang out with people you already know?** | **What are the best ways to make a good first impression?**  **In what jobs do people have to make very quick decisions based on first impressions?** |
| **What are some things you like to do in your free time?** | **What does the idiom “Time is money.” mean? Do you agree with it?** |
| **Do you prefer to have many friends or just a few that you are close to?**  **What are the benefits of having just a few close friends? How about the benefits of having many friends?** | **Do you think sites like Facebook are good for friendships or do they stop people from becoming close?** |
| **What will you do this weekend?** | **Do you want to get married? When will you get married? Will you have children?** |
| **What will life be like when you are 40?** | **How do you think you will change in the future?**  **Where will you be and what will you be doing in 10 years?** |
| **How is the job market in your country, is it easy or difficult to get a job?** | **What are some things you do every day?**  **What are some good habits you have?**  **Do you have any bad habits?** |
| **What is a successful life? What habits should you have to have a successful life?** | **What are some habits that can improve your English ability?** |
| **What are some of the benefits of having children?**  **Do you think it is better to have children when you are older or younger?**  **What is the best number of children to have? How many boys or girls?** | **What is the best thing to do to stay healthy?** |
| **Talk about your best memory from a holiday.** | **What is the most important holiday?** |
| **What would your ideal house or apartment look like?** | **Which do you prefer to stay in when you travel:  hotels, hostels, or another type of place? Why?** |
| **What are some crazy examples of fan worship you have heard of?** | **What makes you unique?** |
| **What do you think when you see someone who looks very different?**  **If you see someone with a lot of tattoos what do you think of them?** | **Very intelligent people are often not very good at being social, why do you think this is?** |
| **What are some of the worst jobs you can think of?**  **What are some of the best jobs you can think of?** | **How long do you want to work?**  **Is it better to be a boss or an employee? Why?**  **What would be the most satisfying job for you?** |
| **Why are you learning English? How will you use the English you learn? What materials do you use for learning English? How do you practice speaking English? In what ways do you expand your English vocabulary?** | **How is attraction different than love?** |
| **When you see a couple, how do you know they are in love? Do you believe in love at first sight?** | **What is one luxury item you really want to have? Have you ever been jealous that someone had something you didn’t? Do you think that luxury goods make people happy? Why or why not?** |
| **Are rich people really happier? Name five things a person can do to make themselves happier without spending money.** | **What are some examples of bad manners that you HATE? Do you think people are more polite or less polite now than in the past?** |
| **What makes a happy marriage?** | **Some people say that marriage is outdated (too old-fashioned and not needed), do you agree or disagree?** |
| **What do you think of arranged marriages?** | **Do you like meeting new people? Why or why not? What are some things that you usually talk about when you meet a new person?** |
| **If you see a handsome boy/beautiful girl that you want to get to know, what is the best way to approach them?** | **Is the ability to memorize lots of things important? Why or why not?** |
| **What motivates you? Why? Are you very motivated to do things or do you need motivation?** | **How often do you see movies? What is your favorite genre of movie?** |
| **How often do you listen to music? Who are your favorite bands or artists? What kind of music do you listen to when you are sad?** | **How many types of natural disaster can you name? Which is the worst?** |
| **What do you think of your neighbors? Is there anything that your neighbors do that annoys you?** | **Where do you get your news from? How important is it for people to follow the news? What kind of news stories interest you the most?** |
| **What is your favorite number? Why is it your favorite number? What numbers are unlucky?** | **Can two people fall in love over the internet without meeting each other first? What are some of the good and bad things about online dating?** |
| **What was something that you were really good at when you were a kid but aren’t good at now? What was something that you couldn’t do at all when you were a kid but you can do really well now?** | **Describe your personality. What kinds of people do you get along well with? What kinds of personality traits do you hate?** |
| **Do you think we are born with our personalities, or do we develop them because of what happens to us?** | **Where do you like to go when you want to be alone?** |
| **Are you a very motivated person or do you wait until the last minute to do things? What are some things you want to do but don’t have time for? What is the biggest waste of time for you?** | **How can people improve their productivity?** |
| **Who has more responsibility for the environment, companies or individuals? What are some of your responsibilities?** | **What is the worst season in your country? What is your favorite season?** |
| **Do you like knowing and finding out secrets? Why? Are you good at keeping secrets? Why or why not? Can you tell us any of your secrets?** | **What products do you prefer to shop online for? What products do you prefer to shop in stores for?** |
| **Do you know anyone who is addicted to shopping? Are you addicted to shopping? Do you enjoy shopping for other people?** | **How good are you at singing? How often do you do karaoke? When was the last time you sang in front of someone?** |
| **What are some of the differences between married life and single life? Are the differences the same for men and women? What are the pros and cons of single life?** | **What are some bad things about smoking? Are there any benefits of smoking? Should people be allowed to smoke in public? If so, where?** |
| **What are some sports you like watching? Why? What are some sports you dislike watching? Why? Do you play any sports? If so, which ones?** | **There are many ways to experience a story. For example: book, movie, TV show, spoken, radio, podcast, video game. What is your favorite way to experience a story?** |
| **Do you think people focus too much on appearing to be successful? Why is money the most common way of judging success? Can money buy happiness?** | **How much pressure do your parents put on you to be successful? How much pressure will you put on your children to be successful?** |
| **Have there been any failures that made your life better? Is there a right time to give up and stop trying? Or should you never give up?** | **Who is your favorite super hero? Why? What super power would you like to have?** |
| **Talk about how technology has changed in your lifetime.** | **Give some examples of technology that have made the world worse.** |
| **About how many hours of TV do you watch every day? What are some of your favorite shows? Do you like any foreign TV shows?** | **Are TV shows getting better or worse?** |
| **How much time do you spend on the Internet? What are some of the benefits of the Internet? What are some of the dangers of the Internet?** | **Tell your partner/group about one website you really like** |
| **Does the media in your country report the whole truth, mostly truth, or mostly lies? Who has the most control over the media in your country?** | **Did you use to have a pet?** |
| **Which was better for you: elementary school, junior high school or high school?  Why?** | **Do you think the past was better than the present? Why or why not?** |
| **What are the benefits of international tourism? Are there any drawbacks?** | **Do you prefer tourism package tours or do you prefer to plan your own vacations? Why?** |
| **What’s the best way for a country to bring in more tourists? How do you feel about tourists who visit your country?** | **Starting university was a big transition. What are some of the good things about starting university? What are some of the bad things?** |
| **What do you think are the biggest transitions in a person’s life? Which is the most important?** | **The world’s population is increasing rapidly. Getting clean water for everyone might become difficult in the future. Think of three ways we can avoid this problem.** |
| **How much water do you drink every day? How many glasses of water should people drink every day?** | **If you could have three wishes that would come true, what would they be? (No, you can’t wish for more wishes). Have any of your wishes ever come true?** |
| **What was the last funny video you saw?** | **What do you do to get rid of stress?** |
| **What is something you are obsessed with?** | **Who is your favorite entertainer (comedian, musician, actor, etc.)?** |
| **What’s your favorite way to waste time?** | **Do you have any pets? What are their names?** |
| **Where did you go last weekend? What did you do?** | **What are you going to do this weekend?** |
| **What is something that is popular now that annoys you?** | **What did you do on your last vacation?** |
| **What was the last time you worked incredibly hard?** | **Are you very active of do you prefer to just relax in your free time?** |
| **What do you do when you hang out with your friends?** | **Who is your oldest friend? Where did you meet them?** |
| **What three words best describe you?** | **If you opened a business, what kind of business would it be?** |
| **Who had the biggest impact on the person you have become?** | **What is the most annoying habit someone can have?** |
| **Where is the most beautiful place you have been?** | **How much time do you spend on the internet? What do you usually do?** |
| **If you had to change your name, what would your new name be?** | **How should success be measured? By that measurement, who is the most successful person you know?** |
| **Has anyone ever saved your life?** | **What was the best time period of your life? What do you think will be the best time period of your entire life?** |
| **What do you do to improve your mood when you are in a bad mood?** | **What are some things you want to accomplish before you die?** |
| **What makes you nervous?** | **What do you think about game shows? Do you have a favorite one?** |
| **What do you think about reality TV? Why is it so popular?** | **Which do you prefer? Books or movies?** |
| **Do you always have to have the latest phone?** | **Which sport is the most exciting to watch? Which is the most boring to watch?** |
| **Do you care about fashion? What style of clothes do you usually wear?** | **What is the craziest, most outrageous thing you want to achieve?What are some goals you have already achieved?** |
| **What are some good and bad things about the education system in your country?** | **How can technology improve education? Can it hurt education?** |
| **Time freezes for everyone but you for one day. What do you do?** | **If you could call up anyone in the world and have a one hour conversation, who would you call?** |
| **A portal to another world opens in front of you. You don’t know how long it will stay open or if you’ll be able to get back after you go through. What do you do?** | **You find a remote that can rewind, fast forward, stop and start time. What do you do with it?** |
| **What have you struggled with your entire life?** | **What were the three most important turning points in your life?** |
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