## Conversation

- •What makes it easy to talk to someone?
  - •What traits do you look for in a conversation partner?
- •Tell about your favorite types of conversations to have?
  - •What do you talk about?
  - •How do you know the other person?
- •Who is the best conversationalist that you have ever met?
  - •Why are they such a great conversationalist?
- •Have you ever had a great conversation with a complete stranger?
  - •What made it so great?
  - •What did you talk about?
  - •Where were you?
- •What is your role in a conversation?
  - •Do you dominate?
  - •Do you subordinate?
- •What percent of a conversation do you spend talking?
  - •Have you ever tried to consciously change your conversational style?
  - •What did you change?
- •What are some good habits you have in conversation?
- •What are some bad traits you have in conversations?
- •Who communicates better: men or women?
  - What makes their style better?
  - •What makes it worse?
- •Do you like to flirt?
  - •How do you flirt?
  - •What do you say?
- •On a scale of 1-10, how do you rate your conversational skill with the opposite sex? Explain.
- •How do conversations between men and women differ?
- •Do you like to argue?
  - •What do you like to argue about?
- •Do you always want to be right?
  - •What types of arguments do you hate to lose?
- •What topics should you avoid when talking to a stranger?
  - •To a Swiss person?
  - •To a Japanese?
  - •To an American?
- •What topics are taboos for your culture?
  - •What topics are taboo for you personally?

- •Why do people like to learn bad words in another language?
- •What do people do that drives you crazy in a conversation?
- •How do you feel about talking on the phone? Why?
- •Do you think that some conversations are easier to have on the phone? Face to face?
- •What types of conversations, and why?
- What are some topics that you can't stand to talk about? Why?
- Do you have better conversations when you are drinking?
- How do your conversations change after you have been drinking?
  - Have you ever said something to someone that you wish you hadn't said?
  - What was it? Explain.
  - If you could relive any conversation of your life, what would it be? Why? Explain.
  - How do you feel about being frank? Explain.
  - How do you feel about blunt people?
- Is there such a thing as being too honest? Explain.
  - In your experience, which country's people are the easiest to talk to? Explain.
  - Which country's people are difficult to talk to? Explain.
  - If you could have the voice of any famous person, whose voice would you want? Why?
  - How do you feel about conversations with people older than yourself?
- Are there any older people who you have conversations with regularly?
- Who are they?
  - Some people like to talk about things, and some people like to do things.
- What kind of person are you? Explain.
  - If you could have a conversation with any famous living person, who would you talk to?
- What would you talk about?
- Why would you want to talk about that? Explain.
  - If you could have a conversation with a famous deceased person, who would you talk to?
- What would you talk about, and why?
  - Do you like to eavesdrop on other people's conversations?
- What kind of questions do you like to overhear? Where do you listen?
- Have you ever spied on anyone?
  - Have you ever recorded a phone call or conversation? Why?
  - Would you ever do it? Explain.
  - If you had to choose, would you rather marry a partner who is handsome/beautiful and sexy, but who is a terrible conversationalist, or a partner who is a wonderful conversationalist, but who is less-attractive-than-average? Explain.
  - What was a difficult conversation you had to have in your life?
- How did it turn out?
- What made it hard? Explain.
  - Would you like to be a salesman, a teacher, a reporter?

- Would you like to have a career that requires you to talk to a lot of people? Why?
- Which career?
  - How can you improve your conversation skills? Explain.