

Let's Get Talking!

Aim: Come up with an interesting bunch of questions that you can ask when you're next speaking with a friend, over the phone or in person, to get to know them even better and remind you of their likes and dislikes. These questions might also come in handy when you're meeting a new classmate soon or a friend of a friend, to help you to break the ice and find things that you both have in common.

Directions:

For each of the following subjects, try to think of at least one question that you could ask...

BOOKS Superpowers Food

Family FILMS The outdoors

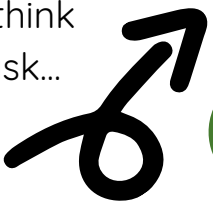
Dreams Bedroom Hobbies

School Pets When you grow up

Memories Holidays Games

Celebrities

For example...
What's your favourite meal?



Top Tip:
Asking a question is Step 1, Step 2 is **listening** to the answer! Make sure to clear your mind after you ask your question, so you **hear** your friend's response and you can think about what that they've said. If you're a pro, you might **remember** their answer for years!



Think about what kinds of topics the other person might be interested in talking about.

Ask questions that get the other person thinking, talking, and - if you can - laughing too!

Keep questions natural, it's not an interrogation! Take it in turns to speak and listen.

Start by introducing yourself and greeting each other.

Show that you're interested in hearing what the other person has to say.

The 5 Fingers of Conversation Flow

Top Tip:
If you come up with a question to ask, be prepared! You might get **asked** this question back, and how will you **answer**?

Good luck!



Before you talk...

What are you hoping for?

What are you looking forward to?

What are you nervous about?

Then, after...

What was the best bit?

What was the worst bit?

What's one thing you did well?

What have you learned?

There's a lot you can learn when you think things through beforehand and again after.



_____ 's handy conversation starters



Books

1. _____

2. _____

Family

1. _____

2. _____

Dreams

1. _____

2. _____

School

1. _____

2. _____

_____ 's handy conversation starters



Can you listen carefully enough to find out something new about your friend?

Memories

1. _____

2. _____

Celebrities

1. _____

2. _____

Superpowers

1. _____

2. _____

Films

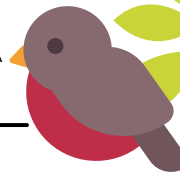
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If you didn't hear your friend or understand them, can you ask again until you've got it right?



Bedroom

1. _____

2. _____

Pets

1. _____

2. _____

Holidays

1. _____

2. _____

Food

1. _____

2. _____

_____ 's handy conversation starters



Can you use phrases like "cool" or "me too" or "that sounds like fun" to encourage your friend?

The outdoors

1. _____

2. _____

Hobbies

1. _____

2. _____

When you grow up

1. _____

2. _____

Games

1. _____

2. _____