

Dear students:

Hope you are well. Below is the list of discussion topics you can choose for your speaking. The best topics are those that are related to the everyday language (everyday things) and the best questions are usually open-ended as opposed to something that could be answered in a word or two. These topics may even inspire you to come up with some of your own, as you'll begin to expand your ideas on a deeper level.

Happy discussing!

1. Risk

Everyone feels a certain way about risk. Some are risk-oriented, others are risk-averse. Talking about risks seems to generate some good conversation. You can answer questions like:

- What is your definition of risk?
- Are you a risk taker? Why/why not?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of taking risks?
- What risks do you come across in your work/life?
- What risks have you taken in your life?
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2. Motivation

Whether or not you are a motivated person, motivation is a good topic to discuss in order to inspire you. Some example questions are:

- How motivated are you in general?
- What motivates you to do things?
- What is the best motivator to succeed?
- What do you do when you feel demotivated?
- What is a good way to motivate others?

3. Beauty

Beauty is one of those topics that's conventionally more geared toward youth than it is to elders. However, anyone can appreciate beauty in all its forms, and anyone can recognize the importance of the concept of beauty in our cultures, societies and behaviors. Plus, men might surprise you by caring to chime in on beauty, looks and grooming.

- What is "beauty"?
- What/who do you consider beautiful?
- What does "inner beauty" mean to you?
- Do you consider artificial beauty (cosmetic surgery) to still be beauty? Why/why not?
- How do you feel about the emphasis that people put on beauty these days?
- What would you tell your children about beauty?

4. Goals

We all have goals and talking about them actually gets us more encouraged to do something about them. Sharing goals is also a good thing to help get them done. A good set of questions is:

- What are your current goals in life?
- How do you plan to reach your goals?
- How often do you set goals for yourself?
- What goals have you set and achieved in the past?
- How do you feel when you reach your goals?

5. Life

Life discussions go on in all languages and English is no exception.

Practicing discussions on life is a good topic to cover since everyone has their own views and thoughts on the ubiquitous subject. You could bring up questions like:

- What is the meaning of life?

- How is your life going up to this point?
- What do you think happens after life?
- What important life lessons have you learned?
- If tomorrow was your last day to live, what would you do?

6. Learning

Learning is like nature—it's all around us, even on a subconscious level. Our brains are built to absorb, filter and store information. Discussion about learning could actually stimulate some English learning amongst the students! A few questions that are suitable are:

- How important is learning? Why?
- Besides English, what are you currently learning?
- What things are you good/bad at learning? Why?
- What would you most like to learn?
- What is the most difficult part of learning? Why?