

Conversation Questions

Time

A Part of Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom.

- Are you on time?
- If you are late, what message does this send to the person who is waiting for you?
- Do you prefer to show up late or early?
- What is your busiest day of the week?
- Do you like to be busy, or do you like to have an easy schedule?
- What takes up most of your time?
- Do you think you manage your time wisely?
- Do you manage time, or does time manage you?
- What do you do if you show up too early for something?
- What do you do if you show up too late for something?
- What do you do if you forget an appointment?
- Do you spend a lot of time when preparing for something?
- How much time do you spend sleeping?
 - Do you wish you could sleep more?
- Does waiting for something bother you?
- Do you get bored easily?
- Do you schedule out what you have to do every week? Do you make a schedule for every day?
- Are you good at getting things done on time?
- Do you think time moves slowly or quickly?
- What would you do if you had a few extra hours in a day?
- Would you rather have more time or more money?
- In your culture, is it polite to always show up on time, or to show up a little late?
- How important is time in your culture?
- Do you think people in America are too concerned with time?
- What time do you get up in the morning?
- What time do you go to bed?
- What time does school start?
- What time is it?
- What time do you go to work?
- What time does your work begin?
- What time does your work end?
- What time do you take a bath in the evening?
- When do you do your homework?
- What time do you like to get up?
- What time do you like to go to bed at night?
- What time do you think high school students should go to bed?
- What's the most significant time of your life? (Significant for any reason: because you liked it or hated it; because of your profession; because of a relationship; or because it was a turning point in your life)
- What's your perception of time now? Does it go by slowly or quickly? What does this depend on?
- Can you do without a watch or a clock? For how long?
- If you could stop time, what would you do and why?
- Do you show up early or late for work? Class? Meeting a friend for lunch? English conversation class?

- Are you a "night owl" or an "early bird"?
- Which time of day do you feel you are most productive in your work or study?
- If you are a punctual person and your mate is not, how do you resolve conflicts that arise?
- If you had the power to stop and restart time, when would you use it?
- Do you show up early or late in your home country verses in the United States?

Time and World History

- If time travel were possible, which period of world history would you like to return to? Why?
- How far into the future would you like to travel? What do you hope to see?
- On your time travels, you can take five objects to show people what life is like towards the end of the 20th century. What five objects would you take? Why?
- Which famous person from the past would you most like to meet? Why?
 - What would you ask this person?
 - How would you spend the time with this person?

If you can think of another good question for this list, please add it.

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