

English Conversation Questions

Warm-up Question:

How long have you been studying English? How old were you when you first learned some English?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you study English?
2. Do you enjoy speaking in a language that is not your *mother tongue*?
3. How well do you speak English?
4. What level of English would satisfy you? What learning goals do you have? Is it possible to learn to speak English like a native speaker does?
5. How did you feel about the English language education you received at school? How was it taught?
6. Is English easier or more difficult to learn than other languages? Why do you think so?
7. Do you speak any languages other than your first language and English? What do you like about those other languages?
8. When it comes to English, what are your strengths and weaknesses? Choose from vocabulary, grammar, fluency, pronunciation, reading, listening, writing, and knowledge of idioms. Which do you most want to improve?
9. Have you taken any standardized English tests such as TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS? Did studying for these tests help you to improve your English?
10. English is widely spoken as a second language around the world. Why is this?
11. Many native English speakers do not learn to speak other languages well. Should they? Why? What are the benefits of learning another language?
12. Many languages have adopted English *loanwords*. Which words has your native language borrowed from English?
13. What is your favorite word in English? What do you like about it?
14. Is it important to learn *slang* or *swear words* in English? Why or why not?
15. Are there any words from your native language that are commonly used by native English speakers? What are they?
16. Will technology end the need to learn other languages? How?
17. What study tips do you have for people who want to improve their English? What is the best way to improve quickly?
18. Do you watch television shows in English to help improve your English skills? How effective is this method? Can you recommend any shows to watch?
19. How do you feel when you speak with a native speaker of English?
20. Will another language replace English as the major global language? If so, how long will it take? Which language will be the next global language?

