

Investing Conversation Questions

Warm-up Question:

List some types of investments. Which kinds are most popular?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between a good investment and a bad investment?
2. For many people, their biggest investment is their house or apartment. Why do people put so much money into this investment?
3. In some places, homes and apartments are very expensive, and the prices keep going up. Do you think housing prices will always go up?
4. When you keep money in the bank and receive interest payments, is this an investment? Why or why not?
5. If a person has money they don't need, what should they do with it?
6. Do you have shares in any companies? Which companies have you invested in?
7. Are there any companies you would like to invest in? Why are those companies attractive?
8. Which industries seem like good areas to invest in these days?
Which industries have a *bright future*?
9. Some companies have well-known leaders like Elon Musk or Steve Jobs. Would you be more or less likely to invest in this kind of company?
10. Some people invest in art works. What are the benefits of this kind of investment?
11. Collectible items, like comic books, baseball cards, or things that were owned by someone famous can gain value over time. Which type of collectible would you like to have?
12. Wealthy people have more opportunities as well as more money to invest than other people. Is investing a way that the rich just keep getting richer?
13. People sometimes describe education as an investment in oneself. Do you see it this way?
14. Cryptocurrency has been a popular investing topic over the last few years. Have you considered buying a cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin?
15. Is stock market investing a kind of gambling? Is it a game?
16. Big stock market crashes can bring economic hardship for everyone, not just investors. Do you worry that a big crash could change our lives?
17. How can you know when to sell a stock? Is it better to sell too early than too late?
18. Warren Buffet, the famous investor, has talked about being scared when other people are greedy and being greedy when other people are scared. What is he talking about?
19. Should we try to be socially responsible when choosing investments? Should we consider the *ethics* of an investment or just focus on *the bottom line* (money).

