



Let's talk about *HEALTH*



Conversation cards

Have you ever been ill?
What was wrong with you?

When was the last time you went
to the doctor/dentist/hospital?
Why did you go?

How often do you have a medical
checkup?

Is a doctor's visit or a stay in
hospital expensive?
Discuss.

Does your country have good
medical healthcare?
Explain.

How is your health?
What health problems do you
worry about the most?

What do you do to keep fit and
healthy?
Compare with others.

Have you ever stopped doing
something for your health?
Talk about it.

What diseases kill the most
people worldwide?
Do research and discuss.

How many *serious* or *terminal*
illnesses do you know? (e.g. cancer)
Work in a group and make a list.
(terminal: cannot be cured)

Have you had any vaccines?
If so, against which diseases?
Are you afraid of needles?

What sports can be damaging to
your health? In what way?
In your opinion, what are the
healthiest sports?

What are the main causes of
death?
Are they the same for younger
and older people? Brainstorm.

What are the worst jobs for
your health?
What about the best ones?
Brainstorm in group.

Is being a doctor or nurse a
good job?
Would you like to do this job?
Why or why not?

What is the average life
expectancy in your country?
Is it the same for men and
women?

How is your mental health?
Do you know anyone with a
mental disorder?
(e.g. schizophrenia)

How can the environment be
damaging to someone's health?
Explain.

Match words and pictures

ambulance

bandage

cast

crutches

doctor

health food

nurse

operating theatre

plaster (band aid)

surgeon

syringe

wheelchair

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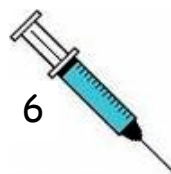
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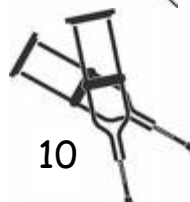
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Let's talk about *MONEY*



Conversation cards

Do you have a job?
Is it full-time or part-time?
Do you make a lot of money?

Are you good at saving money?
If so, how do you do it?

Do you have a bank account?
Where do you bank?
Why?

How do you usually pay when you go shopping?

Do you have an ATM card?
(also: debit card)
How often do you use it?

Do you have a credit card?
How often do you use it?
Where do you use it?

What was the last thing you bought? Where did you buy it? Talk about it.

When you travel abroad (= to another country), how do you pay for things?

How do you spend your money? What do you usually buy?

Have you ever had any money stolen from you?
If so, how did it happen?

How much did you spend yesterday?
What did you spend it on?

How much does it cost to get a haircut in your country?

How much pocket money do (did) your parents give you?
How do (did) you spend it?

Do you ever give money to beggars on the street?
Why or why not?

Money can't buy happiness.
Money can't buy love.
Do you agree or disagree?

What's the most you have ever spent on a gift? What was it? Who was it for?

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Would you prefer to be rich, famous or rich and famous? Explain why.

Match

coins	
ATM	
beggar	
credit card	
cash register	



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| 1. salary | a. opposite of save |
| 2. interest | b. what you have to pay for smth. |
| 3. piggy bank | c. the price of a trip by bus, train |
| 4. expensive | d. opposite of lend |
| 5. spend | e. payment for a job |
| 6. price | f. cash machine |
| 7. fare | g. opposite of cheap |
| 8. rich | h. money paid for the use of money |
| 9. ATM | i. money box |
| 10. borrow | j. opposite of poor |



Let's talk about *MOVIES*



Conversation cards

How often do you go to the cinema? Who do you go with?	What kind of movies do you like? Why? (e.g. action, horror, sci-fi)	Who's your favourite actor or actress? Why do you like them?
What's the name of the last film you saw? What was it about?	Do you like horror movies? Why (not)?	What's the best movie you have ever seen? Explain why.
Do you prefer to watch movies at home or in the cinema? Why?	Do you ever rent DVDs? If so, where do you rent them?	Have you ever bought a pirated movie? Do you think it is OK to copy movies?
What is the worst movie you have ever seen? Why was it so bad?	Have you ever watched the Academy Awards (Oscars)? If so, did you like it? Why?	Do you watch movies in English or your language? Which do you prefer?
When you watch an English movie, do you prefer it dubbed or subtitled? Why?	Movie stars are often paid millions of dollars. Do you think they deserve this? Explain.	Give as many 'movie words' as you know. (e.g. film, director, set)
Do you ever watch reality TV shows? Do you like them? Why (not)?	What kind of snacks or drinks do you have when you go to the movies?	Would you like to be a famous film star? Why or why not?

Interview another student

Have you ever ... ?	Y/N
(see) a horror movie	
(eat) popcorn in the cinema	
(leave) the theatre before the end	
(rent) a DVD	
(watch) the Academy Awards	
(meet) a film star	
(ask) for an autograph	

Example:

Q: Have you ever **seen** a horror movie?

A: Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

Match the titles with the genres

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| 1. Pirates of the Caribbean | a. animated cartoon |
| 2. Star Trek: The Movie | b. horror movie |
| 3. Kung Fu Panda | c. war movie |
| 4. Zombies Nightmare | d. romantic comedy |
| 5. The Battle of the Bulge | e. musical |
| 6. Fatal Attraction | f. science fiction |
| 7. Shakespeare in Love | g. thriller |
| 8. The Sound of Music | h. adventure |
| 9. Die Hard | i. action |



Action !





Let's talk about *MUSIC*



Conversation cards

What's your favourite kind of music?

Can you play a musical instrument?
If so, which one?

How often do you listen to music?

Have you ever been to a concert or live show?
Talk about it.

Have you ever sung karaoke?
Did you like it?

Do you like to sing?
Why (not)?

How many CDs do you have?
What's your favourite?

Do you have an MP3-player?
How often do you use it?

Have you ever downloaded music from the Internet?
Why?

Do you prefer music in English or in your own language? Why?

Which musician or band would you most like to meet? Why?

Do you ever listen to loud music? When?

Can you dance?
What's your favourite dance?

Do you listen to music on the radio? What's your favourite radio station?

When you listen to music, do you try to understand the words (lyrics)?

Would you like to be a famous singer? Why?

What's your favourite singer? Why do you like him or her?

What's your favourite band? Why do you like it?

Tick the music you like

classical	
easy listening	
heavy metal	
hip hop	
jazz	
R&B	
rap	
rock	
salsa	
traditional	



Match instruments and pictures

accordion		piano	
drums		saxophone	
flute		tambourine	
guitar		triangle	
harmonica		trumpet	
organ		violin	

Let's talk about **PET PEEVES**



Pet peeve: your favourite minor complaint or annoyance

What annoys you most in daily life?
Make a list of your pet peeves.

Make a list of annoying habits.
Do you have any?

What annoys you most at work
(or at school)?
Why?

Do you have any new pet peeves
as a result of modern
technology?

Do you get annoyed when people
display bad manners?
Give some examples.

What annoys you about mobile
phones?

What annoys you about living
where you live now?

What annoys you about coming
to work or school by bus, train
or car?

What annoys you about email or
computers?

What do your parents do that
annoys you?

What do children do that annoys
parents?

Does smoking bother you?
Why or why not?

If something or someone annoys
you, what do you usually do?
Give examples.

Who is the most annoying person
you know?
Why?

Who is the most annoying
celebrity?
Why?

Do you think other people find
you annoying?
Why or why not?

Does it annoy you when people
kiss or show affection in public?

"I have some road rage inside of
me. Traffic, especially in L.A., is
a pet peeve of mine."
What did Katie Holmes mean?

Match

bad phone manners	
barking dog	
burping	
drunk driving	
drunkard	
farting	
kissing in public	
nail biting	
nose picking	
queue jumping	
shouting	
yawning	

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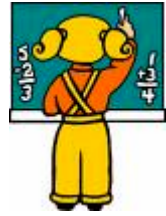
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Annoying or not?	y/n
Always be cheerful	
Always leave the toilet seat up	
Chew on pens that you've borrowed	
Drum on every available surface	
Never break eye contact	
Never make eye contact	
ONLY TYPE IN UPPERCASE	
Page Not Found when surfing the Internet	
Repeat everything someone says, as a question	
Wear a lot of cologne	



Let's talk about *SCHOOL*



Conversation cards

What school do you go to?
Where is it?
How do you get there?

What's your favourite subject?
Why do you like it?

What time do you get up on a school day?
Who wakes you up?

What time does school start? When does it finish?
Are there any breaks?

Is your school far from your home? How long does it take you to get to school?

What time do you go to bed *on the eve of* a school day?
Do you ever stay up late?

Where is your school located?
Is it easy to get there?

How many students are there in your school?
How many in your class?

What classes don't you like?
Why not?

Have you ever been late for class? If so, why?
Was the teacher angry?

What do you do during breaks?
Talk about it.

Where do you have lunch?
What do you usually eat for lunch?

Have you ever fallen asleep in class?
If so, why? Explain.

Have you ever been punished at school? Why?
What was the punishment?

What subjects are you good at? What subjects are difficult for you?

Do you ever skip class?
If so, what do you do?

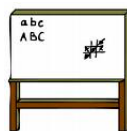
Give examples of school rules.
Have you ever broken any?
(e.g. you must wear a uniform; you mustn't eat in the classroom)

What do you like best about your school?
Explain.

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Match

desk	
laboratory	
school bus	
teacher	
whiteboard	

Interview a friend (or do it for yourself)

Do you like English? Yes, I love it. Do you like exams? No, I hate them.	love 	like 	don't mind 	don't like 	hate
English					
exams					
Geography					
History					
holidays					
homework					
Maths					
PE (sports)					
Science					



Let's talk about *SHOPPING*



Conversation cards

Do you enjoy shopping?
How often do you go shopping?

What's your favourite place to shop? Why?

What was the last thing you bought for someone else? Why did you buy it?

What was the last thing you bought for yourself? Where did you buy it?

Do you compare prices at different stores when you go shopping?

How important is customer service when you are shopping?

Can you name a few supermarkets? Which one do you like best? Why?

Where do you usually buy your clothes? Why?

Are brand names important to you? Why (or why not)?

Where would you go to buy toys? Why?

What's the best place to buy computers and electronics? Why?

Does your family have a TV? Where did you buy it?

Do you like to go shopping alone or with friends? Why?

Who *does the shopping* in your family?
(= buy household items)

Small local shops or big supermarkets? Which do you prefer? Why?

Where do you buy fruit and vegetables? Why?

How do you usually pay when you buy something?

Cash, ATM card or credit card. Which is the easiest? The most dangerous? Why?



Ask a friend: Have you ever bought... ?

candy	lipstick
a car	a mobile phone
a CD	a necklace
a computer	shoes
a dog	a skateboard
earrings	sunglasses
a football	a teddy bear
a house	a tie
an ice cream	a cinema ticket
jeans	pizza



Let's talk about *WORK*



Conversation cards

What do you do?
Do you enjoy being a (...) ?
Why?

What's your father's job?
What time does he start work?

What does your mother do?
What time does she finish work?

What would you like to be?
Why?

Which jobs pay well?
Give minimum 3 examples.

In which jobs do you have to wear a uniform?
Give minimum 3 examples.

Would you prefer a job that pays well or a job you enjoy?
Explain.

Do you prefer working indoors or outdoors? Why?

Name 3 outdoor jobs.
Would you like to do any of them?

What kind of office work does a secretary do?

Do you think being a singer is a hard job?
Explain why.

In which jobs do you need to work evenings and weekends?

Which job would you never want to do?
Why?

What three things are most important for you in a job?

If you could have your own business, what would it be?

In your opinion, what is the most boring job in the world?

Who in your family or among your friends has the most interesting job? Explain.

Do you think professional sports player are overpaid? Explain.

Match jobs and pictures


chef	
flight attendant	
gardener	
lawyer	
maid	
nurse	
secretary	
taxi driver	




Outdoors (O) or indoors (I) ?

doctor	
farmer	
fisherman	
pilot	
policeman	
postman	
teacher	
waiter	

CONVERSATION ON SPORTS

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- 3- What sports do you do?
- 4- Which sports are you good at? 
- 5- Do you like mixed sports?
- 6- Do you think all teams should be mixed?
- 7- Who are you a fan of?
- 8- Do you usually beat other teams?
- 9- Do you watch your friends' games?
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Let's talk about *FOOD*



Conversation cards

What's your favourite food? How often do you eat it?

What's your favourite restaurant? Why?

How often do you eat in a restaurant?

Describe an everyday meal from your country and tell how to prepare it.

Which country do you think has the best food?

What food do you refuse to eat? Why?

Can you give some examples of fast food (also: junk food)?

How often do you eat fast food?

What are the most popular dishes in your country?

What do people usually eat on a special holiday (like New Year)?

Have you ever eaten Japanese food? Did you like it?

When did you last go to a nice restaurant? What did you order?

If you visited a country where people ate snake or dog, would you try it?

Have you ever eaten insects or snails? Would you like to try them?

Can you cook? What is the last dish you cooked?

What's the strangest food you have ever eaten?

Who usually does the cooking in your family?

Is there a pet in your family? What does it eat?



Tick the food you have tried

baked potato		frog's legs		pancake	
cake		fruit salad		pizza	
ceviche		hamburger		rabbit	
dog		horse		sausage	
duck		lasagna		seafood	
escargots		mashed potatoes		snake	
fish & chips		monkey		spaghetti	
fondue		noodle soup		steak	
fried insects		ostrich		sushi	
fried rice		paella		tortilla	





CONVERSATION CARDS

CARDS	♠ SPADES ♠	♥ HEARTS ♥	♣ CLUBS ♣	♦ DIAMONDS ♦
ACE	Describe your dream date.	What did you have for dinner last night?	What is your address in English?	If you could have a pet, what kind would you have?
KING	Describe how to make hamburgers.	What did you have for lunch today?	What time do you usually get up?	If you had a million dollars what would you spend it on?
QUEEN	Describe your family.	What is your favorite sport? Why?	Where did you go for your last vacation?	If you could meet any person in the world who would it be and why?
JACK	Describe your favorite type of movie.	What did you do last night?	Where and when were you born?	If you could change something about your school what would it be?
TEN	Describe your dream house.	What type of music do you like? Why?	Why are you studying English?	If you had to live in another country which one would you choose?
NINE	Describe your bedroom.	What is your favorite game? Why?	Which do you prefer, summer or winter, and why?	If you could do anything in the world what would you do?
EIGHT	Describe your best friend.	What does your mother do?	Which magazines do you like to read?	If you could speak three languages well, what would they be?
SEVEN	Describe what you had for breakfast today.	What does your father do?	How many hours do you usually sleep at night?	If you were rich, what would you do?
SIX	Describe your English teacher.	What is your favorite subject at school? Why?	Do you like to go shopping? Why?	If you had to spend a day alone at home, what would you do?
FIVE	Describe the difference between a dog and a cat.	What is the one thing you would like to change about yourself?	How often do you go to the movies?	If everyone in the world suddenly disappeared, what would you do?
FOUR	Describe your hometown.	What is your favorite TV program? Why?	What was the last movie you saw?	If you could choose how old you were, how old would you be and why?
THREE	Describe your favorite hobby.	What do you do in your free time?	Would you like to travel to other countries? Why?	If you could choose any meal you wanted, what would it be?
TWO	Describe how to play this game.	What did you do last weekend?	How many friends do you have and who are they?	If you found \$100,000 what would you do?

Directions: Choose a card from the deck, find the question, then answer it!

The other students in your group will give you points. At the end, the person with the most points wins.

Scoring:

A really good answer:	4 points
A good answer:	3 points
A so-so answer:	2 points
A poor answer:	1 point
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TOTAL: _____	TOTAL: _____	TOTAL: _____	TOTAL: _____	TOTAL: _____



Let's talk about *TECHNOLOGY*

Conversation cards

What do you think of when you hear the word technology?
Brainstorm. Discuss in group.

In your opinion, which invention has had the greatest impact on society in the last 100 years? Explain your choice.

Which modern invention could you not live without?
Explain your choice.

What are the 3 greatest inventions of all time?
Work in group. Make a list.
Compare your ideas.

What things should never have been invented?
Brainstorm and discuss in group.

You are stranded on a desert island. What would you wish you had with you? Explain why.

How has technology changed the workplace?
Explain.

Has technology had any impact on education?
In what way?

How has technology changed on medical care?
Technology has revolutionized transport. Explain.

Has technology ever *let you down*? (= disappointed you by not working properly)
What happened?

Do computers save time or do they just make us waste more time? Discuss. Take a vote.

Does technology (or the use thereof) ever *get on your nerves*? (= irritate or annoy you)
Explain and give examples.

How has technology improved our daily lives? Give examples and explain the advantages of technological advances.

Is technological advance always for the better?
Can you think of any disadvantages of technology?

'Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.' Do you agree? Give some examples.

What could never be replaced by technology?
Explain why not.

What would you like to see
invented in the future?
Explain why.

'Modern technology owes ecology an apology.'
What does this mean?
Do you agree?

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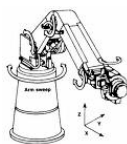
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electronic dictionary	
industrial robot	
microwave oven	
mobile phone	
MP3-player	
thumb drive	
vending machine	
washing machine	

My invention



Description

The Universal Translator™ is a machine that can translate instantly one spoken language into another. This device will make travel and international business much easier, as well as relationships between people and countries worldwide. It is powered by solar cells that will last a lifetime. Software provided for 200 languages. Will be available soon in miniaturized pocket version.

Your invention

Description

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Let's talk about *BEAUTY*



Conversation cards

Who's the most beautiful person in your country? What about your family? Explain.

How much time and money do you spend on beauty and appearance? Give details.

Would you rather be beautiful, rich or intelligent? Choose one. Explain.

Who's the prettiest woman on the planet? Who's the most handsome man on Earth?

Have you ever been to a beauty salon? What happens in there?

Have you ever had plastic surgery? Would you consider it? Why or why not?

How can you improve your appearance? Give some tips and tricks.

Do you watch beauty pageants? Is being beautiful enough to win such a contest? Explain.

How popular is plastic surgery where you live? What are some common procedures?

Give your own definition of beauty. Work in a group. Compare with others.

Do you think appearance and beauty is linked to success? Explain.

Do you have any piercings? Would you ever get one? Why or why not?

Is beauty the same worldwide? What should the ideal man or woman in your country look like?

Would you prefer your children to be beautiful (and dumb) or talented (and ugly)? Explain.

Do tattoos make a person more attractive? Why do people get them? Give your views.

What is inner beauty? Which personality traits might be considered beautiful?

'Beauty is only skin deep.' Explain (use a dictionary if necessary) and discuss.

'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.' Explain. Do you agree?



Quotes

- No object is so beautiful that, under certain conditions, it will not look ugly. (Oscar Wilde)
- Joy is the best makeup. (Anne Lamott)
- Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it. (Confucius)

Match

beauty pageant	
beauty queen	
beauty salon	
eyebrow piercing	
face mask	
nose job	
plastic surgeon	
tattoo	

Do you agree? Discuss.



Let's talk about *TRANSPORT*



Conversation cards

How do you get to school?
(or)
How do you get to work?

How long does it take you to
get here?
(e.g. 5 minutes, 20 minutes, 1 hour)

How far do you live from
here?
(e.g. 200 metres, 10 kilometres)

Do you (or your parents)
have a car?
Talk about it.

How often do you take a
taxi?
Are taxis expensive?

What's your favourite form
of transport?
Why?

How often do you use public
transport?
Talk about it.

Which means of public
transport do you know?
Make a list.

Is petrol (gasoline)
expensive where you live?
How can we use less?

Is a car considered a luxury
in your country?
What's your dream car?

How many kinds of
transport have you used?
What's your favourite?

Driving causes pollution.
How can we prevent this?

What do you think is the
safest kind of transport?
Why?

How can we solve the
problem of traffic jams?

Have you ever ridden a
horse? A camel? An
elephant? A motorcycle?

Have you ever been in a
traffic accident? Have you
seen one? Talk about it.

What makes of car are
popular in your country?
(e.g. Toyota, Peugeot, BMW)

Sedan (also saloon), hatchback
or station wagon (also estate).
Which do you prefer? Why?



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Match words and pictures

airliner	
ambulance	
boat	
cruise ship	
helicopter	
hot air balloon	
motor scooter	
motorbike	
mountain bike	
scooter	



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