



## 75 Questions to Start a Conversation

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Coming up with ways to connect and have a conversation with people can be difficult at times. Especially with more people being face down in their phones. Do you remember how you used to start a conversation when you were a kid? You were on the playground at school or riding your bike in the neighborhood and you saw a person that you wanted to connect with. You first introduced yourself and asked a simple question. Hey, my name is... You want to play or cool bike where did you get it?

Guess what? It still works today with big kids; I mean adults. I have listed a number of different questions you can ask to start a conversation and get to know someone so you can grow your network. When you begin a discussion with someone, you want it to be interesting, insightful, and entertaining, and that means saying something or asking a question more than, "So, this is some nice weather, huh?"

Of course, what you say to someone depends on the environment. You're not going to say the same thing to a new coworker that you would to your best friend. Below are a set of conversation starters that you can use whether you've met someone for the first time, or you want to spark a deeper talk. The questions have been organized based on specific situations, including any situation, meeting for the first time, deeper conversations, networking events, and engaging friends.

### Conversation Starters For Any Situation

1. Have you done anything exciting lately?
2. What made you smile today?
3. What was the last good book you read?
4. Do you listen to any podcasts? Which is your favorite?
5. Have you been on any interesting trips lately?
6. What song do you wish you could put on right now?
7. If you didn't have the job, you have now, what would you be?
8. What is something people are always surprised to learn about you?
9. What is the most rewarding part of your career?
10. Where do you want to be in five years?
11. What superpower do you wish you could have?
12. Where would you go on vacation if you had no budget?
13. What is one thing you can't live without?
14. How many countries have you been to?
15. What's your favorite city you've visited?



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### First Time You Meet Someone Conversation Starters

1. I love that shirt/jacket/dress/shoes. Where did you get it?
2. What are you reading right now?
3. What's your favorite restaurant?
4. What's the next exciting event you have coming up?
5. Doing anything fun this weekend?
6. What do you do for a living?
7. If you could move anywhere, where would you go?
8. What was the last movie you saw?
9. What do you normally do for fun?
10. What hobby do you wish you had more time for?
11. Tell me three fun facts about yourself.
12. What's the best thing about your job?
13. Where did you grow up?
14. Do you like to cook?
15. What song have you had stuck in your head this week?

### For A Deeper Conversation

1. What are your long-term goals?
2. Who is your role model?
3. What did you want to be when you were a kid?
4. What are the top three things on your bucket list?
5. What has been your biggest accomplishment so far?
6. What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?
7. Tell me about the most life-changing piece of advice you've ever heard.
8. What really makes you happy?
9. What always calms you down when you're really stressed out and upset?
10. Who in your life has had the most influence on you?
11. What's the hardest thing you've ever done?
12. How have your priorities changed in the last 10 years?
13. What's the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you?
14. If you could invite one famous person to dinner, who would it be?
15. Who is the most important person in your life right now?



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### Conversation Starters When Networking

1. What made you choose this as your career?
2. What's the most interesting thing you've worked on lately?
3. What do you love most about your job?
4. What was your first job?
5. What are your goals when it comes to work?
6. What inspires you at work each day?
7. If you could change one thing about this industry, what would it be?
8. Who has been your career role model?
9. What's the most interesting thing you've learned at work?
10. How do you keep yourself organized every day?
11. How many emails have you been avoiding answering this week?
12. What do you think makes someone a great manager?
13. What's the biggest challenge you've taken on this year?
14. What's your favorite project you've worked on so far?
15. What do you find most beneficial about networking events?

### Conversation Starters With Friends

1. What's your best tip for saving money?
2. What is your favorite quote right now?
3. What have you been loving on TV lately?
4. What's your best tip for a good morning routine?
5. What's your best cooking tip?
6. How was your last vacation?
7. Where is the coolest place you've been to for dinner lately?
8. What's your go-to dish to bring to a dinner party?
9. What are your plans for next summer?
10. What's your favorite thing you've bought recently?
11. Have you ever really kept a New Year's resolution?
12. If you could change your name, what would you change it to?
13. What do you think my best personality trait is?
14. What's your favorite thing to do on your day off work?
15. What's the best compliment you've ever gotten?