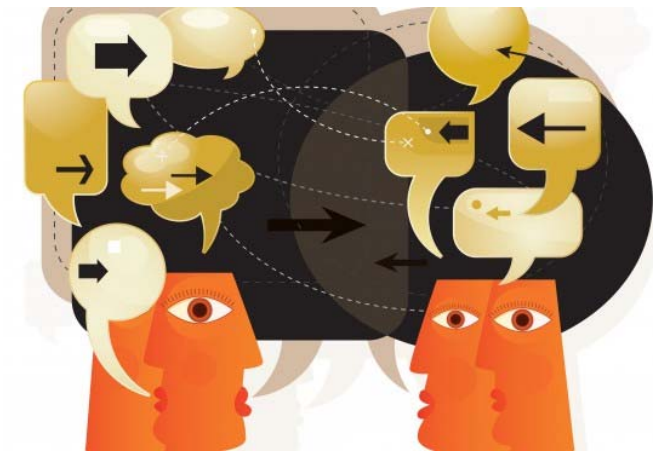


Language Exchange

Suggested Topics



Jobs/Career:

- Do you have a job now? Could you please describe your responsibilities at work?
- Do you work and study simultaneously? If yes, how can you handle it? If no, do you want to try it out?
- What was your experience within your job interview?
- What is your dream work?

Hobbies:

- What is your hobby?
- Does your hobby interfere with your work/study/personal life?
- Does your hobby influence your choice of friends?
- Can a hobby save a child from bad peer influence?
- Which hobbies are the most popular with women in your country? With men?

Shopping:

- How often do people shop in your country?
- Do people bargain or are prices marked and fixed in your country?
- What items can you bargain for?
- Does your country have sales? Coupons?
- Can you return items bought in your country?
- Do people in your country shop by mail? The Internet? Catalogues?

Some more topics:

- Superstitions
- News
- Social networks
- Games
- Discrimination
- Trends
- Goals and plans

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Language questions: (great for beginners)

- Pronunciation: Work on pronunciation of words.
- Expressions/Idioms: Ask your partner for common expressions/idioms used in his or her language.

Country:

- What is the geography like in your country?
- Population: What are some of the more populated areas in your country? Why?
- What area are you from? Describe your home city/town/village.
- What is the weather like in your country/state/city?
- Do many foreigners live in your country? From which nation do these foreigners or immigrants come?
- What do you know about the population in California?

Culture:

- Movies, TV, theater (What movie/TV show/type of theater do you like to watch?)
- What's your favorite type of music? What's your favorite song?
- Are you interested in art? What kind of art do you like?
- What are some festivals or holidays you celebrate in your country?
- Talk about some interesting customs or traditions you have in your country or family.

- Do people in your country have blind dates?
- Do people in your country hire baby sitters? Were you ever a baby sitter?

Traveling:

- Where have you traveled?
- What has been your favorite place to visit? Why?
- Have you ever been on a tour? What did you like/dislike about it?
- Think of a time you traveled to another country, what are some rules that pedestrians and drivers should know? What are the driving conditions like?
- What types of transportation did you use when you traveled to another country? How much did transportation cost?
- Where did you stay? (A hotel? A relative's home? Etc.)
- What kinds of fashion did you see? What did people wear? What were the current trends of that time? Would you wear it?

Food:

- What is your favorite kind of food (Mexican, Italian, Chinese, etc)? What is your favorite dish? Restaurant?
- Which dishes from your country would you recommend to a tourist?
- Do you like to eat fast food? Why?

School:

- What is your major?
- What classes are you taking this quarter? Are there classes you would like to recommend?

- What's the worst class you've ever taken? Why?
- Are you involved in any De Anza clubs or student organizations? If so, which clubs? What does the club or organization do (volunteer, promote activism, educate the public about pressing issues, etc)
- In your country, is there a difference between a college and a university?
- What is the application process for applying to a university or college in your country? (entrance exams, interviews, etc.)

Great/famous people/ Celebrities:

- Which celebrities do you like the most?
- Why do you like them?
- What are their achievements?
- Have you ever met them in real life?

Books:

- What are your favorite books?
- What are their contents?
- Who are your favorite authors?
- Who are some famous writers from your country?
- How often do you read books?
- Do you read websites? Blogs? Newspapers?

Sports:

- Do you play any sport? Is it a team or individual sport?
- If you do not play sport, do you enjoy watching sport?
- How often do you play sports?
- What is your favorite sport?
- Do you have a favorite athlete?