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Get your students talking with these 67 conversation topics that consist of a warm-up question, vocabulary challenge, idioms & phrases, 14 conversation questions, and 2-3 writing prompts. It's the ultimate book for speaking or conversation classes with teenagers or adults. The best part? it's a seriously no-prep solution! It's designed so that you can just grab it and go. And there are 67 ESL

conversation topics so you can make it through an entire semester in style. The basis of a good conversation class is giving learners a reason and an opportunity to speak. Combine this with scaffolding of grammar and phrases and that's some serious ESL teaching gold! Your students will love this engaging, interesting approach to working on their English conversation skills. Pick up a copy of the book today and get ready for better English conversation classes in the future.

Compelling Conversations - Vietnam Berrett-Koehler Publishers

Debating and discussion tips for ESL learners

Teenage as a Second Language Cambridge University Press

A revised and updated edition of the detailed, down-to-earth guide to speaking your mind

effectively—includes useful exercises. The best, most direct way to convey your intelligence, expertise, professionalism, and personality to other people is through talking to them. But most people have no idea what they sound like. And even if they do, they don't think they can change it. *It's the Way You Say It* is a thorough, nuts-and-bolts guide to becoming aware and taking control of how you communicate with others. Dr. Carol Fleming provides detailed advice and scores of exercises for Understanding how others hear you Dealing with specific speech problems Varying your vocal patterns to make your speech more dynamic Using grammar and vocabulary to increase your clarity and impact Reinforcing your message with nonverbal cues Conquering stage fright An entire section of the book focuses on communication issues in the workplace—interviews, presentations, voice mail, and more. In addition, Dr. Fleming puts a human face on her advice through vivid before-and-after stories of forty men and women who came to her for help. "No other skills will position you ahead of your competition as much as good speaking and presentation skills. No book approaches the depth and breadth of Dr. Carol Fleming's *It's the Way You Say It*." —Patricia Fripp, CSP, CPAE, keynote speaker, executive speech coach, and president of Fripp & Associates [The British National Bibliography](#) University of Michigan Press ELT English Unlimited is a six-level (A1 to C1) goals-based course for adults. Centred on purposeful, real-life objectives, it prepares learners to use English independently for global communication. As well as clear teaching notes, the updated Starter A and B Teacher's Pack (Teacher's Book with DVD-ROM) offers lots of extra ideas and activities to suit different classroom situations and teaching styles. The DVD-ROM provides a range of extra printable activities, a comprehensive testing and assessment program, extra literacy and handwriting activities for non-Roman alphabet users and clear mapping of the syllabus against the CEFR 'can do' statements. It also includes the videos from the Self-study Pack DVD-ROM for classroom use.

TALK ENGLISH

Chimayo Press

The "Bibliographic Guide to Education" lists recent publications cataloged during the past year by Teachers College, Columbia University, supplemented by publications in the field of education cataloged by The Research Libraries of The New York Public Library, selected on the basis of subject headings. Non-book materials, including theses, are included in this "Guide," with the exception of serials. All aspects and levels of education are represented in this "Guide," including such areas as: American elementary and secondary education, higher and adult education, early childhood education, history and philosophy of education, applied pedagogy, international and comparative education, educational administration, education of the culturally disadvantaged and physically handicapped, nursing education and education of minorities and women. Also well covered are the administrative reports of departments of education for various countries and for U.S. states and large cities. The Teachers College collection covers over 200 distinct educational systems. Works in all languages are included. The "Bibliographic Guide to Education" serves in part as an annual supplement to the "Dictionary Catalog of the Teachers College Library, Columbia University" (G.K. Hall & Co., 1970) and Supplements ("First Supplement," 1971; "Second Supplement," 1973; "Third Supplement," 1977).

A Conversation Book 2 Cambridge University Press

Targeting Listening and Speaking provides short and focused activities to help lower-proficiency ESL/EFL students improve their listening and speaking skills. It includes practice in both mastering the larger message and key words/phrases and specific words and sounds to assist students in developing better speaking and comprehension skills. Each unit has a general theme -- such as food, animals and pets, free time and hobbies, and travel -- around which all exercises are designed. The final unit consists of four listening tests that can be used to monitor progress. Each unit includes: dictation practice using dialogues listening skill development speaking practice listening to simple conversations sound practice with minimal pairs listening to simple lectures more speaking and discussion practice. Quizzes are available on the companion website. The audio material is available either on CD or cassette (there are 4 components for each).

It's the Way You Say It Independently Published

Teaching Information Fluency describes the skills and dispositions of information fluency adept searchers. Readers will receive in-depth information on what it takes to locate, evaluate, and ethically use digital information. The book realistically examines the abilities of Internet searchers today in terms of their efficiency and effectiveness in finding online information, evaluating it and using it ethically. Since the majority of people develop these skills on their own, rather than being taught, the strategies they invent may suffice for simple searches, but for more complex tasks, such as those required by academic and professional work, the average person's performance is adequate only about 50% of the time. The book is laid out in five parts: an introduction to the problem and how search engine improvements are not sufficient to be of real help, speculative searching, investigative searching, ethical use and applications of information fluency. The intent of the book is to provide readers ways to improve their performance as consumers of digital information and to help teachers devise useful ways to integrate information fluency instruction into their teaching, since deliberate instruction is needed to develop fluency. Since it is unlikely that dedicated class time will be available for such instruction, the approach taken embeds information fluency activities into classroom instruction in language arts, history and science. Numerous model lessons and resources are woven into the fabric of the text, including think-alouds, individual and group search challenges, discussions, assessments and curation, all targeted to Common Core State Standards as well as information fluency competencies.

Discussions that Work Sourcebooks Explore

Thirty-two lively topics to stimulate classroom discussion for advanced ESL students

Targeting Listening and Speaking Pergamon

You have studied English for years, yet you still don't speak English well. You've tried many methods and you still make grammar mistakes, you still can't speak English fluently, and you still can't pronounce English words correctly. You can read English, but you feel too nervous or too shy to speak English. The good news is, this is very normal. You have simply used ineffective methods to learn to speak English. Ken has been in your situation before, but now he can speak English like a native, and he accomplished that in six months. In this book, Ken is going to teach you how to completely get rid of your accent and develop an American or British accent to speak English just like a native speaker, and he'll teach you how to accomplish that in just six months. In this book,

you'll: *learn to speak like a native in six months or less*learn to do that on a busy schedule*learn to speak English without translating it first*learn grammar without memorizing grammar rules*learn to build a vocabulary that lasts*learn to pronounce English words like native American or native British*learn to speak English fluently, correctly, naturally, effectively, effortlessly*and more... to speak English like a native speaker.You have studied English for years, yet you still can't speak English well. The reason is simply: The methods you used were ineffective.Change your approach now. Learn from the success who has walked in your shoes before and is getting the result you want. Effortlessly follow the step-by-step instructions in the book to achieve the highest level of fluency to help you speak English like a native speaker.Add to Cart

Fluent Forever University of Michigan Press ELT

First Discussion Starters includes conversation activities that teachers and students have loved in the best-selling Discussion Starters and More DiscussionStarters, this time for lower-level ESL/EFL students. First Discussion Starters contains: *a variety of tasks and exercises based on real situations from all over the world serious discussion topics such as censorship, prison conditions, and cloning *topics that are lighter in nature such as lotteries, pets, and travel *activities that require students to work together in pairs or small groups to reach a conclusion about a topic *several kinds of oral fluency activities such as problem-solving tasks, court cases, "finish the story," "put the story together," and small group presentations *links to related websites for each unit

More Discussion Starters University of Michigan Press ELT

Here is a practical tool for teaching communication in the language classroom, suitable for use with students from elementary to advanced level. The book contains instructions for over 100 different participatory exercises. For each activity, notes are provided for organization, time, and preparation. A comprehensive table of activities and an index also are included. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

67 ESL CONVERSATION TOPICS WITH QUESTIONS, VOCABULARY, WRITING PROMPTS & MORE

University of Michigan Press ELT

Where would we be without conversation? Throughout history, conversations have allowed us to see different perspectives, build ideas, and solve problems. Conversations, particularly those referred to in this book as academic conversations, push students to think and learn in lasting ways. Academic conversations are back-and-forth dialogues in which students focus on a topic and explore it by building, challenging, and negotiating relevant ideas. Unfortunately, academic conversations are rare in many classrooms. Talk is often dominated by the teacher and a few students, or it does not advance beyond short responses to the teacher's questions. Even certain teaching approaches and curriculum programs neglect to train students how to maintain a focused, respectful, and thoughtful conversation. To address these challenges, authors Jeff Zwiers and Marie Crawford have identified five core communication skills to help students hold productive academic conversations across content areas. These skills include: elaborating and clarifying, supporting ideas with evidence, building on and/or challenging ideas, paraphrasing, and synthesizing. This book shows teachers how to weave the cultivation of academic conversation skills and conversations into current teaching

approaches. More specifically, it describes how to use conversations to build the following: Academic vocabulary and grammar Critical thinking skills such as persuasion, interpretation, consideration of multiple perspectives, evaluation, and application Literacy skills such as questioning, predicting, connecting to prior knowledge, and summarizing Complex and abstract essential understandings in content areas such as adaptation, human nature, bias, conservation of mass, energy, gravity, irony, democracy, greed, and more An academic classroom environment brimming with respect for others' ideas, equity of voice, engagement, and mutual support The ideas in this book stem from many hours of classroom practice, research, and video analysis across grade levels and content areas. Readers will find numerous practical activities for working on each conversation skill, crafting conversation-worthy tasks, and using conversations to teach and assess. Academic Conversations offers an in-depth approach to helping students develop into the future parents, teachers, and leaders who will collaborate to build a better world.

The Way of the Linguist Stenhouse Publishers

The first part provides some general guidelines on the organisation of successful task-centered activities. The second part consists of some fifty practical examples which have been tried and found effective in the classroom.

English Unlimited Starter A and B Teacher's Pack (Teacher's Book with DVD-ROM) Cambridge University Press

The present volume examines the relationship between second language practice and what is known about the process of second language acquisition, summarising the current state of second language acquisition theory, drawing general conclusions about its application to methods and materials and describing what characteristics effective materials should have. The author concludes that a solution to language teaching lies not so much in expensive equipment, exotic new methods, or sophisticated language analysis, but rather in the full utilisation of the most important resources - native speakers of the language - in real communication.

First Discussion Starters Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

Why English is very important in our life? English language plays a significant role in everyone's life. The English language is among the leading languages in terms of usage all over the world. The usage of English has become common in all sectors like Education, Medical, Media, and Business so on. Reasons why English is so important: It's the most commonly spoken language in the world. It's the language of international business. It's easy to learn. It helps you understand some other languages. You can say things in a hundred different ways. It's really flexible. It's the language of the internet. Reasons why you should learn to speak in English? English communication increases income English skills get more respect English gets you more knowledge English makes travel easier Biggest movies and books are in English Knowledge of English helps make friends English communication gives power & influence English helps the world know our culture English helps us innovate better English skills are our national advantage

Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts Harmony

An exciting, seven-level course that enhances young learners' thinking skills, sharpening their memory while improving their language skills. This exciting seven-level course enhances your students' thinking skills, improving their memory along with their language skills. Super Minds

develops creativity with visualisation exercises and art and craft activities, explores social values with lively stories and encourages cross-curricular thinking with fascinating 'English for school' sections. For ease of use, this Starter Teacher's Book is interleaved with pages from the Student's Book. It includes detailed lesson aims, clear instructions and a vast array of extra activities.

American Book Publishing Record University of Michigan Press

Compelling American Conversations: Questions and Quotations for Intermediate American English Language Learners from Chimayo Press helps American immigrants and international students develop their fluency skills and academic vocabulary through conversation exercises. Each chapter includes two sets of conversation questions, vocabulary review, short writing exercises, paraphrasing exercises with proverbs, a discussion activity around pithy quotations, and an online "Search and Share" activity. Focusing on both daily experiences and American culture through proverbs, quotations, and speaking exercises, the materials help intermediate English language learners explore their lives, learn common American sayings and expressions, and develop vital discussion skills. The 15 topical chapters include: Opening Moves; Going Beyond Hello; Making and Breaking Habits; Studying English; Being Yourself; Choosing and Keeping Friends; Playing and Watching Sports; Talking About American Television; Celebrating American Holidays; Being Stylish; Handling Stress; Practicing Job Interviews; Valuing Money and Finding Bargains; Exploring American Cities and Seeing Our World With Photographs. The "Resources and Notes" appendix includes the academic word list, supplemental worksheets, bibliographical references, author biographies and indices to proverbs and quotations. Designed primarily for community college ESL and adult education students, this flexible ESL textbook can be used by high school English language learners (ELL) and intensive English programs. Compelling American Conversations, is the third title in the Compelling Conversations series, most known for the original fluency-focused advanced ESL textbook, Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics (2006).

BOOKS IN PRINT SUPPLEMENT

G. K. Hall

Like its predecessor, each unit in More Discussion Starters contains exercises that provide speaking interaction about a central topic or idea, and most require students to work together in pairs or small groups to reach a conclusion about a topic. Though most of the topics in the text are serious (corporal punishment, abortion, and gun control), many others deal with lighter topics (humor and culture). The activities, tasks, and topics chosen for this book are real situations from all over the world. Most of the units in this book introduce a problem or controversial topic at the beginning of the unit. This is then followed by a series of exercises designed to prepare all of the students so that they can express their ideas at the next class meeting. A unit usually includes several kinds of oral fluency activities, such as problem-solving tasks, court cases, "finish the story," role plays, "put the story together," small group discussions, and oral presentations.

New Ways in Teaching Speaking Scarecrow Press

The Way of The Linguist, A language learning odyssey. It is now a cliché that the world is a smaller place. We think nothing of jumping on a plane to travel to another country or continent. The most exotic locations are now destinations for mass tourism. Small business people are dealing across frontiers and language barriers like never before. The Internet brings different languages and cultures to our finger-tips. English, the hybrid language of an island at the western extremity of Europe seems to have an unrivalled position as an international medium of communication. But historically periods of cultural and economic domination have never lasted forever. Do we not lose something by relying on the wide spread use of English rather than discovering other languages and cultures? As citizens of this shrunken world, would we not be better off if we were able to speak a few languages other than our own? The answer is obviously yes. Certainly Steve Kaufmann thinks so, and in his busy life as a diplomat and businessman he managed to learn to speak nine languages fluently and observe first hand some of the dominant cultures of Europe and Asia. Why do not more people do the same? In his book The Way of The Linguist, A language learning odyssey, Steve offers some answers. Steve feels anyone can learn a language if they want to. He points out some of the obstacles that hold people back. Drawing on his adventures in Europe and Asia, as a student and businessman, he describes the rewards that come from knowing languages. He relates his evolution as a language learner, abroad and back in his native Canada and explains the kind of attitude that will enable others to achieve second language fluency. Many people have taken on the challenge of language learning but have been frustrated by their lack of success. This book offers detailed advice on the kind of study practices that will achieve language breakthroughs. Steve has developed a language learning system available online at: www.thelinguist.com.

Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics Cambridge University Press

*What elements make a speaking activity successful? *Which tasks or activities really help build speaking fluency? *What does the research show regarding speaking activities? *What mistakes do ESL teachers often make in speaking activity design? In this highly accessible and practical resource, Keith S. Folse provides a wealth of information to help ESL/EFL teachers design and use speaking tasks that will actually improve students' speaking fluency. The book presents and discusses the relevant research and assessment issues and includes case studies from twenty different settings and classrooms around the world so that readers learn from others about the problems and successes of using various speaking activities. Teachers will find the chapters on Twenty Successful Activities and Ten Unsuccessful Activities particularly valuable. The successful activities are provided for classroom use and are reproducible. The book also contains five appendixes that explain what teachers need to know about vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar and how they affect the teaching of speaking. Samples of successful lesson plans and a list of resources useful for teaching speaking are also included. Keith S. Folse, Ph.D., is Coordinator, TESOL Programs, University of Central Florida (Orlando). He is the author of Vocabulary Myths (University of Michigan Press, 2004) and more than 35 second language textbooks, including texts on grammar, reading, speaking, listening, and writing.

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