

Conversation Questions

Culture

A Part of [Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom](#).

- What are some things that define a culture? For example, music, language, ...
- What do you think is interesting about your culture?
- Do you know much about your own culture?
- When people from other countries think about your culture, what do they usually think of?
- In your culture is it polite to be straightforward and direct when you talk to someone?
 - To whom is it OK and to whom is it not OK?
- What has surprised you when you've met people from other countries?
- Have you looked at Internet pages from a different culture? If so, how were they different from those of your own culture?
- What do you like about your culture?
- What don't you like about your culture?
- How do young people in your culture behave differently from older people?
- How do young people in your culture behave differently from people in this culture?
- Are there many people of different cultures in your country? Are you friends with any?
- Have you ever felt confused by the actions of someone from another culture?
 - If so, tell me about it.
- How are your language teachers who are not from your country different from your other teachers?
 - How are they the same?
- Who in your culture do you admire most?
- What your culture are you most proud about?
- Why do you think culture is important?
- If you could change one thing about your culture, what would it be?
- Would you ever consider marrying or dating someone from another culture?
- Would you ever consider living permanently in a country other than your home country? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to be polite in your culture?
- What is considered rude in your culture?
 - Is there anything in this culture that is considered rude that may not be considered rude in your culture?
- If a group of people just came to your country from overseas, what advice would you give them?
- What other cultures have you met people from?
- What do you think is important when visiting another culture?
- Do you think "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" is always good advice? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to "do as the Romans do"?
- What culture besides your own do you admire and why?

- If aliens visited your country, what might surprise them?
- Do you pray before each meal?

- Customs
 - What customs do you practice?
 - What are your favorite customs?
 - What customs do you think should be revised?
 - What customs do you think should no longer be practice?
 - What customs (from elsewhere) do you think should be included in our culture?

If you can think of another good question for this list, please [add it](#).

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