

Conversation Starters

What to talk about on the phone with family and friends.

How to answer a phone call.

- Say hello and share your name
- Ask if it's a good time to talk
- Have one easy thing in mind to share
- Listen, react, and ask a follow-up question
- Help them imagine what you're talking about by using clear descriptions

Hello!



Hi

Let's talk, adults.

Just getting started:

- "Hi! What are you doing today?"
- "How has your day been?"
- "What have you been up to lately?"

Questions about them:

- "What was your favorite part of your day?"
- "What did you do this weekend?"
- "How is [pet/hobby/garden/project] going?"

Questions that spark stories:

- "Did you have a favorite game or show growing up?"
- "What was school like for you?"
- "What's a fun memory you have?"

Stories from you:

- "Today I learned..."
- "I'm excited about..."
- "I'm working on..."

Let's talk, kids.

Getting started:

- “Hey! What are you doing right now?”
- “Are you free to talk?”
- “Want to play or hang out later?”

Life at school and home:

- What did you do in [class/activity]?
- Have you seen/played [show/game]?
- Want to play a game together?

Just for laughs:

- Why did the math book look sad? Because it had too many problems.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- Why did the computer go to the doctor? Because it caught a virus.

Hey!



Keep it going:

- “Wait, what happened next?”
- “No way, tell me more!”
- “Why did that happen?”

When the convo slows down:

- “I have to go soon, but this was fun!”
- “Let's talk again later!”
- “Call me when you're free!”

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