Never run out of interesting this to talk about

94 Questions To Ask On A Date

FIRST DATE QUESTIONS

A Practical step-by-step guide on dating advice for guys

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What should you talk about on a date?

I think this is one question we all have tried to figure out many, many times. Especially when we get stock in an awkward moment of silence, we desperately scramble for something interesting to say. I for sure know the feeling of running out of interesting conversation topics, though it feels like a “prier life” a century ago I was the king of awkward interaction until one day where I decided to do something about it, today I have used the last 10 years to study the art of conversation (and other social skills). Today I will share a few basic but very important key points of conversation skills.

Included in this textbook is thus (as promised) a list of conversation topics and questions, but first I want to clarify the different common types of questions, and especially how you should structure the word coming out of your mouth, so that you will get the evolved in the conversation.

Closed ended question:

Asking closed-ended question is probably the most common conversational mistake of all times. I think you already know what a close ended question is, but for those of you who don’t here is a short explanation: A closed-ended question is a form of question which can be answered by (1) using one word for instance like "yes" or "no", or (2) by a simple piece of information, or (3) with an answer among a “selection” of limited answers.

Sounds confusing – well let me give you a couple of examples.

- Q (1): Do you know [how tall you are]?
  - A: Yes

- Q (2): How tall are you?
  - A: 180 cm

- Q (3): How tall would you like to be, [above 180] or [less than 180 cm]?
  - A: above 180 cm

Do you see how close-ended question doesn’t really generate conversation, because close-ended questions are structured in such a way that they most often lead to a very short answer, which thus leads the conversation to a stop again.

Let me give you an example of how much a person would struggle if he or she only used closed-ended questions to generate conversation:

- You: Q: Do you get along with your supervisor?
  - Her A: Yes
- You: Q: hmm Okay, what is your favorite class?
  - Her A: Math
- You: Q: Oh I see, mine is the photography-class, btw Is that a photograph of your children?
  - Her A: Yes
- You Q: They are lovely, hmm are you leaving at 17:00 today?
  - Her A: Yes
- You Q: Are you still awake – or is this conversation too boring?
  - Her A: Zzz

Okay, this conversation is not realistic, but still I think it illustrate the point here - closed-ended question is not exactly an efficient way to keep a conversation going. But what is then? Open-ended questions of cause!!
Open-ended questions:

Open-ended questions are a cornerstone of all great conversation. Open-ended questions are different from close-ended question in such a way that they can't be answered with a one-worded or very short answers. Open-ended questions are structured so that they asks for more, in this way they kindly force the other person into making a longer answer.

Let me give you a couple of examples:

- You: Q: Tell me about your relationship with your supervisor?
  - Her A: bla bla bla
- You: Q: Wow, so how do you see your own future?
  - Her A: bla bla bla
- You: Q: Hmm Okay, what do you like about college?
  - Her A: bla bla bla
- You: Q: Oh I see, my favorite class is photography, btw the children in that picture of yours?
  - Her A: bla bla bla
- You Q: Wow you sure a talkative and outgoing – what has made you this interesting?
  - Her A: bla bla bla

Okay so this might not be the most realistic conversation, but I still think it illustrate the point pretty well, the point is to illustrate how a small change in the structure of a question can make a huge difference in the answer the other person will apply.

Okay - so now you know how to structure your question, so all you need is to learn is what to focus the conversation around, the subject or the topics of the conversation if you will.

What exactly to talk about?

Talking about bad topics, or exclusively about one's self is another mayor pitfall for many untrained conversationalists; many especially guys find it easy to talk about is themselves, and thus themselves are their favorite topic they can go on and on for hours without an end in sight. Depending many things talking about oneself can be both a good or bad thing, but if you don’t know what you are doing there’s a huge change that you come across as a self-absorbed or self-satisfied smug, this is by all means not a very satisfying place to end up at end of a conversation, and since the goal of any personal conversation ultimately is to build connection, talking exclusively about you self is not a great way to go. Instead be curious about people, especially the person right in front of you, find out who they are. As Dale Carnegie said:

“You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.”

Figure out what the other person is passionate about and embrace that in the conversation. It might sound hard, but it actually going to be easy, because you already how to structure your question (like open-ended questions), all you need now is some good conversation topics to generate interesting conversation.
Life questions:
1. What is the one [food/thing] you just can’t turn down?
2. Are you happier now than you were [5 years] ago?
3. Are you a good [boy/girl-friend]?
4. What are you 3 best qualities?
5. What talent of your would surprise me the most?
6. Are you a leader or a follower?
7. What is you trick if you can’t sleep at night?
8. Are you sentimental? Do you like to save old things like postcards and souvenirs?
9. If anything, what have you ever been collecting?
10. What is your best method to get rid of a sales person?
11. Do you really read magazines or do you just look at the pictures?
12. What is biggest prize you have ever won?
13. What do you complain the most about?
14. Did you have any invisible friends when you were young?
15. What do you enjoy so much that you just can’t help yourself?
16. What is the most comfortable sound you can make?
17. Who do you look up to the most in your life?
18. How would you describe yourself?
19. What animal do you find to be the most appealing?
20. How would you describe yourself?
21. What do you like to do when you want to relax?

Relations questions:
22. Who is your closest friend?
23. What kind of person do you like to be around?
24. What kind of person would you like to be?
25. Describe your relationship with your ex-boyfriends?
26. Tell me how great you are seducing guys?
27. How is it for you to be in love?
28. What do you admire the most in your best friend?
29. Describe your [mom] with 3 words!
30. If something big happens in your life, who is the first person you would call?
31. Who do you go to for support?
32. Do you long or short goodbyes?

Character questions:
33. If you were to lose one sense or body part which one would you lose?
34. How do you handle conflicts and drama?
35. Which compliment do you hate? [and opposite]
36. If any, what would you like to change about yourself? [and opposite]
37. Are you controlled by feeling or emotions?
38. What book or movie had the biggest impact on you?
39. Tell me about the last time you when out of your comfort zone?
40. How do you react to a sudden crisis?
41. How are you superstitious?
42. When you are daydreaming, what do you dream about?
43. What is the biggest risk you ever took?
44. What is the latest huge challenge you took on?
45. What is your goal in life?
46. When are you a [control freak/perfectionist]?
47. What types of books do you like?
48. What are you thinking the most about?
49. On what subject are you an expert?
50. Tell me about your favorite moment of each day?
51. How would you describe your best quality?
52. What is the most important thing to you?
53. What annoy you the most about the opposite gender?

Adventuress questions

54. If you could jump on a change [money and time wasn’t an issue] where would you go?
55. What is mostly important to you, looking great or being comfortable?
56. What do you like watching people walking by?
57. What is the biggest physical challenge you ever when through with?
58. If you could, would you change gender for one day?
59. If you knew you would life to the age of 130 years old, but had choose between a fresh mind of like 25 year old or a young body like a 25 year old, which would you choose?
60. If you knew that you would die at sundown, what 3 person would you at least talk to?
61. Would you move to another country to live with your soul mate, if you could never come back again? [not even to visit]
62. Do you think the earth will be a better place in 100 years?
63. If you had to choose between having “an extra nose - placed anywhere on your body of your choosing” or “having 20 randomly placed nipple all over your body”, which one would you choose?
64. If you should plan the perfect day for yourself (no budget), what would you do?
65. If you could choose a secret superpower, witch on would you pick?
66. If you had the change to live 6 months with the perfect man of your dreams, having the most romantic love affair, your know living out every woman’s most perfect dream, but then after six moth he would drops dead and you knew all of that from the beginning, would you be with him for the six month knowing how it would end? [what if he cheated on you instead of dying, or eat the last piece of candy]
67. Who do you think make better friends guys or girls?
68. What is your best memory?
69. What would rather; have 1 million for your own spending, or to handout 100 millions for others to spend.
70. If you knew the world would come to an end at end of this year, what would you do?
71. What is the biggest thing you ever completed?
72. Have you ever been in a fight?
73. What are you mostly grateful for in life?
74. What is the one thing that made you evolve the most? [on a personal level]
75. If you go back or forth in time but never come back, would you do it?
76. If you could change one thing about your upbringing, what would it be?
77. Do your ever rehearse before making a phone call
78. If you had three wishes to come true, what would you wish for?
79. Have you ever broken the law

**Emotional Questions:**

80. Do you remember the first time you kissed a guy?
81. What are you favorite childhood memory?
82. Which part of your body are you the happiest about?
83. What have you learned today?

**Experience Questions:**

84. What is the worst thing you have ever done to another person?
85. What is the worst job you ever had?
86. Who is the most famous person you ever meet?
87. Do you ever lock yourself out?
88. Tell me of the last time you were in trouble?
89. What is the weirdest thing you ever eat?
90. What is the weirdest thing you believed in as a child?
91. What is the closest you ever gotten being famous?
92. What is the most embarrassing thing you ever saw another person do?
93. What is the best dish you can do?
94. What movie can you watch again and again?

Him who ask the question control the conversation [the subject and direction of the conversation], use this power wisely to stir the conversation on to a subject that you find it easy to talk about.

Also don’t just ask any question from the list above, strive to ask question that you yourself have a great answer for, this make it seem much more natural because your own answer will act like a root for that question. Remember if you don’t root your question you risk that she will be think “why does he ask me all this random questions”.

Here is a rule of thumb: Only use question concerning a subject that you truly are interested in, never ask about something

**Recipe for open-ended question:**

- **Describe** [insert anything personal] to me? Ex: [relationship with your best friend]
- **Tell me about your** [insert something personal]? Ex: [upbringing]
- **Make me understand** [insert something personal]? Ex: [why you like your hobby]
- **Whatever happened with** [insert something personal]? Ex: [something they prior told you about]

In general talk about what you and s/he likes. It generally a conversation is more fun and compelling if you’re is enthusiastic and passionate.

**Avoid negative conversation topics like:**

- Bragging
• Negative judgments
• Close ended questions (Anything that can be answered with one word)
• Past relationships, Breakups or future dates
• Illness, sickness and bad health issues
• Talking about a specialized interest of yours, unless the other person is truly interested in that subject and tell you they want to know about it.
• Don’t ask too many questions – don’t just work your way through the list of questions mentioned above it will make the other person feel interrogated.

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