

Beginner

Should cell phones be banned in classrooms?
Should laptops be allowed in classrooms?
Are single-sex schools more effective than co-ed schools?
Are smartphone and television making children unhealthy, distracted, and irritable?
Should we play sports that involve animals and make them uncomfortable?
Should schools do away with uniform?
Should time on social media sites be limited to an hour a day?
Should violent video games be banned?
Should homework in schools be done away with?
Should animal dissections be banned in schools?
Should attendance in college be made optional?
My top-three foods. Why?
My top-three movies. Why?
My top-three travel destinations. Why?
My three best friends. What do you like about them?
My top-three movie stars. Why?
My top-three sports persons. Why?
My top-three sports persons who don't play my favorite sport. Why?
My top-three animals. Why?
Which has been your most memorable vacation?
What's the best surprise you've received?
When have you felt the most frightened?
Which subject in your school or college days you disliked the most? Why?
What has been your biggest success so far? What efforts you made to pull it off? How it changed your life?
Which is the best season of the year?
The most important lesson in life I've learnt so far is...
Who has been the most influential person in your life? Why?
Summer is the best and worst of times. Why?
What are the three biggest problems your city faces?
Three surprising things about me are...
How do you plan a party?
What is your dream job? Why?
If you could have dinner with anyone, who would he/ she be? What ten questions would you ask?
What is your favorite book? Why?
Most successful person I know is...
Most memorable moment of your life
Worst moment of your life
Should internet access be limited?
Have you been bullied? How did you tackle it?
What foods you'll never eat? Why?
What are the three things you're scared of? Why?
Movies are providing cues to people to commit crime. Should the movie content be regulated for this?
Should physical education be compulsory up to High School?
Should students be graded for their handwriting in schools?

Intermediate

Should animals be subjected to scientific and commercial tests?
What impact does social networking sites have on society?
Is the grading system used in colleges effective?
Do celebrities have higher chance of getting away with crime than non-celebrities?
Should nuclear energy be exploited for commercial purpose or abandoned because of associated risks?

Are humans to blame for certain animal extinctions?
Should we kill animals for food?
Is peer pressure harmful or beneficial to individuals?
Should cigarettes be banned?
Do celebrities make for bad role models?
Are credit cards worse than debit cards?
Should zoos be banned because they keep animals in confinement?
Are we too dependent on computers?
Does money motivate people more than any other thing in the workplace?
Is boarding school system better than day-school system?
Will posting a student's grades on a notice board motivate him to improve?
How can bullying and ragging be stopped in schools and colleges?
Are video games responsible for bad behavior among children?
Which is better: daydreaming or night-dreaming?
Is there life after death?
If you could transform into an animal, which animal would it be and why?
If you could go into past through a time machine, which era would you like to go into and why?
Whom would you prefer to date – attractive and popular or intelligent and smart?
Which is better to have as a pet – cat or dog?
What is a better measure of success – money or wisdom?
Is intelligence sufficient to achieve success?
Is lying OK? If yes, when?
What human quality do we need more in the world? Why?
Does media influence how and what we think?
Real learning doesn't happen in a classroom.
Should we be judged by how we dress?
Should we be judged by how we speak?
What would you do if you get one million US dollars?
How would you spend three months on an uninhabited island with no escape? Describe your daily routine.
Good grades matter.
What would you do for living if you know you can't fail in it?
If I were invisible for a day...
What are you grateful for?
Are exams a good way to assess students? What could be other ways?
Does life exist outside our solar system? Why? Why not?
How can one become millionaire?
Are professional athletes overpaid?
What are three keys to a happy life?
Are Reality TV shows fixed?
Is glass half full or half empty for you?
If you become head of the government, what five steps would you take for the welfare of people?
What twenty things can you make from snow?
Three tips you would like to give to others on growing their money.
If I was in charge of designing school's curriculum, I would...
Should religious places remain tax exempt?
Should drinking age be lowered?
Is chess a sport?
Should performance-enhancing drugs be allowed in sports?
Are standardized tests good or bad for education?
Citizens who do not vote in elections should be fined.
Driving age should be lowered to 16.
Cosmetic surgery should be banned.
Internet should be censored.
Beauty contests should be banned.

Prisoners shouldn't be allowed to vote.
Gambling should be banned.
Corporal punishment in schools serves a purpose and shouldn't be stopped.
Performance by children shouldn't be allowed on television.

Advanced

Is global warming really an issue or just a hype by elitists?
Is cloning animals ethical?
Should animal safaris in the wild be banned because they're intrusive?
Should juveniles be tried and treated as adults?
Is human cloning justified, and should it be allowed?
Should companies market their products directly to children?
Should libraries have banned books?
Should humans eat to live or live to eat?
Is it better to be honest and poor or dishonest and rich?
Do nice people finish last?
Should we spend on sending people to Mars or to more pressing needs such as eradicating poverty?
Who would win the battle of the two big cats – tiger and lion?
Will machines take over humans in 100 years?
Which of the two – success or failure – teaches you the most?
Are Batman, Superman, and Spiderman misleading idols?
What is your biggest worry about your future?
What is your biggest worry about your country?
Should companies be allowed to market junk food?
The more we communicate, the less we really say.
Wisdom is not dependent on age.
If I ruled the world...
Beauty is always in the eye of the beholder.
You become the average of your five best friends.
Would you want to become wise or intelligent?
What is the best letter in English alphabet?
Why are humans so interested in understanding the universe?
Is capitalism the best political and economic system?
Can renewable energy effectively replace fossil fuels?
Advertising is harmful.
All nations should have nuclear weapons.
Developed countries should contribute more than developing countries to combat climate change.
Billions of dollars shouldn't be spent on Olympics and should better be spent on noble causes.
Animals have rights.
Newspapers will be a thing of past in twenty years.

Culture Differences for Kids

High schools (Do students wear special school attire like uniforms? Can students drive to their high school? Can students drink water in class?)
School clubs (What unique school clubs are there? Which club are you in? Why did you choose that club?)
Holidays (What is your favorite holiday? What type of food do you eat on specific holidays?)
Jobs (What jobs exist? Is it easy to get a job after graduation? Is it easy to find a job now?)
Country work ethic (How long are typical work hours? Do students work after graduating?)
Pop culture (Who are pop culture icons in your home country?)
Video games (Do you play video games? What types of video games are popular?)
Parenting and punishment (What kind of punishment have you received at school or home? Do you believe in physical punishment?)

Culture Differences for Adults

Restaurant tips (Are tips at restaurants common? How much is a reasonable tip?)

Gestures (What are some unique gestures (thumbs up, middle finger, etc) in your country?)

Gift exchange (When you travel, is it common to exchange gifts? How about Christmas or any other holidays?)

Living with parents (How old do kids live with their parents?)

Greetings (How do you greet in your country? Do you bow or do handshakes?)

Work dinner parties (Do wives and husbands attend work parties?)

Punctuality (How often are friends late? How about buses and trains? Is it rude being late?)

Food and health (What is a typical meal? How healthy is it? Are gyms becoming more popular?)

Safety and crime (Do you think your neighborhood is safe? What kind of crimes happen in your area?)

Sports (How do sports players show respect after a game? Are there any unique sports in your country?)

Multiculturalism (Is your country multicultural? Is multiculturalism a good thing?)

Gender discrimination (Do women and men make the same amount of money for doing the same job? Is there much gender discrimination in your homcountry?)

If you...

If you had one wish, what would it be?

If you were rich, what would you do?

If you could be a celebrity for a day, which celebrity would you be?

If you were the principal at school, what would you change?

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

If you were on a deserted island, what would you bring and why?

If you could be any animal for a day, what would it be and why?

If you could have any superpower, what would you pick and why?

If you could pack only 3 items for your next trip, what would they be?

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

If you could travel to the moon, would you like to go?

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

If you owned an island to yourself, what rules would you implement?

If they could pick a Halloween costume to dress up as on Halloween, what would it be?

If you could be born at a different time period, when would it be?

If you could change the past, would you do it?

If you could make a movie, which celebrity would you pick as yourself?

If you found a large amount of money, what would you do?

If you could change anything about your country, what would you change?

If you could be born in another country, which one would you pick?

If you could do your dream job 10 years from now, which job would you choose?

Have you ever...

Have you ever traveled out of your home country?

Have you ever cried when watching a movie? If yes, which one?

Have you ever experienced culture shock?

Have you ever wanted to get a tattoo or piercing?

Have you ever laughed so much that it made you cry?

Have you ever been lost and couldn't find directions?

Have you ever fallen in love? If no, do you want to find love?

Have you ever won a trophy? If yes, which competition did you win?

Have you ever read a book that changed your life?

Have you ever been to Disneyland or an amazing theme park?

Have you ever had a dream that felt like it was real?

Have you ever seen something supernatural or paranormal?
Have you ever ridden a horse?
Have you ever had imaginary friends when you were young?
Have you ever had to go to the hospital?
Have you ever been outside your home country?
Have you ever experienced a natural disaster?
Have you ever owned a pet?
Have you ever donated anything to the poor?
Have you ever seen a car accident?

Would you rather...

Would rather be very intelligent or very good-looking?
Would you rather have a pet dog or cat?
Would you rather grow up going to school in your home country or another one?
Would you rather be a professional athlete or celebrity actor?
Would you rather live forever or until 100 years old?
Would you rather live in the mountains or on the beach?
Would you rather bungee jump or skydive?
Would you rather be rich or find true love?
Would you rather walk backwards or talk backwards for the rest of your life?
Would you rather explore the oceans or outer space?
Would you rather live in an apartment or a house?
Would you rather be invisible or super fast?
Would you rather live in a country that is always cold or hot?
Would you rather live in the city or a small town?
Would you rather be a jack-of-all-trades or master one?
Would you rather ride an elephant or swim with dolphins?
Would you rather be rich and depressed or broke and happy?
Would you rather travel to the past or the future?
Would you rather eat rice or bread with every meal?
Would you rather use the internet or books as your main source of information?
Would you rather lose the ability to read or lose the ability to speak?
Would you rather be covered in fur or covered in scales?
Would you rather be in jail for a year or lose a year off your life?
Would you rather always be 10 minutes late or always be 20 minutes early?
Would you rather have one real get out of jail free card or a key that opens any door?
Would you rather know the history of every object you touched or be able to talk to animals?
Would you rather be able to talk to land animals, animals that fly, or animals that live under the water?
Would you rather have all traffic lights you approach be green or never have to stand in line again?
Would you rather give up all drinks except for water or give up eating anything that was cooked in an oven?
Would you rather be able to see 10 minutes into your own future or 10 minutes into the future of anyone but yourself?
Would you rather be the first person to explore a planet or be the inventor of a drug that cures a deadly disease?
Would you rather go back to age 5 with everything you know now or know now everything your future self will learn?
Would you rather be able to control animals (but not humans) with your mind or control electronics with your mind?
Would you rather see what was behind every closed door or be able to guess the combination of every safe on the first try?
Would you rather be an average person in the present or a king of a large country 2500 years ago?
Would you rather be forced to dance every time you heard music or be forced to sing along to any song you heard?
Would you rather have all your clothes fit perfectly or have the most comfortable pillow, blankets, and sheets in existence?
Would you rather be an unimportant character in the last movie you saw or an unimportant character in the last book

you read?

Would you rather wake up as a new random person every year and have full control of them for the whole year or once a week spend a day inside a strangewithout having any control of them?

Would you rather be a reverse centaur or a reverse mermaid/merman?

Would you rather every shirt you ever wear be kind of itchy or only be able to use 1 ply toilet paper?

Would you rather have to read aloud every word you read or sing everything you say out loud?

Would you rather have all dogs try to attack you when they see you or all birds try to attack you when they see you?

Would you rather have skin that changes color based on your emotions or tattoos appear all over your body depicting what you did yesterday?

Would you rather there be a perpetual water balloon war going on in your city/town or a perpetual food fight?

Would you rather live without the internet or live without AC and heating?

Would you rather be able to teleport anywhere or be able to read minds?

Would you rather be unable to use search engines or unable to use social media?

Would you rather have a completely automated home or a self-driving car?

Would you rather have a flying carpet or a car that can drive underwater?

Would you rather have unlimited sushi for life or unlimited tacos for life?

Would you rather have amazingly fast typing/texting speed or be able to read ridiculously fast?

Would you rather have free Wi-Fi wherever you go or be able to drink unlimited free coffee at any coffee shop?

Controversial

How do you deal with stress?

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Do you think aliens exist?

Is climate change real?

What age is best to start dating?

What personality traits do you want in your boyfriend or girlfriend?

Have you ever had a problem with bullying?

Are girls smarter than boys?

In the future, how many children do you want to have?

What makes a good teacher?

Who was your hero when you were a child?

What is the worst purchase you have made?

Would you rather know how you die or when you die?

What was the best holiday you've been on?

Is there any strange food in your country?

What are some inventions you hope to see in the future?

Would you ever try online dating?

What is on your bucket list?

When was the last time you cried?

What is the most embarrassing moment of your life?

Personal

What would you do if you weren't scared?

What do you want your life to be like in five years?

What's stopping you from doing the things that you should be doing?

Are you staying true to your values?

What questions are you not asking yourself?

What is the most embarrassing thing that happened to you in school?

What is one thing you refuse to share?

What is the craziest thing you've ever done?

How do people see you differently than you see yourself?

What tasks are you procrastinating on?

Ambitions

What did you want to do when you were a child? Did you do it? Why / Why not?
Is it a good thing to be ambitious at work?
Do you consider yourself to be an ambitious person?
How do you see yourself professionally 5 years from now?
Is having a family important to you?
What are your personal ambitions?
What is your dream job? Do you think you will ever do this job?
Many people focus on material wealth. Are these things important for you?
How do our ambitions change as we grow older?
How is learning English important for you to achieve your goals?

Independence

At what age do young people normally gain their independence in your country?
What do you think it takes to be financially independent?
Did/Do your parents encourage you to be independent?
How old are people in your country when they get their first job?
Some people say independence is a sign of maturity. What do you think?
How can we teach children about independence?
Is it possible for a young person to be independent while still living with their parents?
Do you believe people should get married before they move in with their partner?
How have family values in your country developed in the last 50 years?
Youth unemployment is high nowadays and prevents young people from becoming independent. What can be done about this?

Stereotypes

What are the typical stereotypes of your country abroad? Are they true?
Are stereotypes always negative? Why / Why not?
Does your town, city or region have any stereotypes inside your country? Are they true?
Are stereotypes and prejudices the same thing?
How do TV and films affect stereotypes?
To what extent should we believe stereotypes of other countries?
How do people in your country view the elderly?
What is the current opinion regarding immigration in your country?
How have stereotypes been significant in the history of your country?
What national stereotype do you think that you personally live up to?

Role models

Who in your family did you look up to when you were a child?
Did you have any celebrity role models when you were younger?
What historical figure from your country is a good role model?
Which are a more important role model for young children: parents or teachers?
For many people, their best friend is a role model. Is this true for you?
Children idolising sportspeople is a problem nowadays. Do you agree?
What characteristics make a negative role model?
Do you look up to anybody professionally?
In your opinion, should public figures in your country be admired?
Would you make a good role model for the younger generation?

Competitiveness

Are you a competitive person?

Is being competitive in sports a good thing or a bad thing?

Is it good to be competitive professionally? Why / Why not?

Who is the most competitive person you know?

Should we teach children to be competitive?

Competition can be motivating for people when learning new things. Do you agree?

International events like the Olympic Games promote competition between countries. Do you think this is a good thing?

What happens when competitiveness goes too far?

Tell me about a time when you felt very competitive. Why did you feel this way?

How important is it to be a good loser?

Young people's rights

At what age is an individual considered an adult in your country?

Should people under the age of 18 be allowed to vote in elections?

What is the drinking age in your country? Do you agree with this age? Why /Why not?

How much control should a young person have over their education?

At what age should we start letting young people make their own choices?

Some countries have curfews for young people at night. Do you agree with this?

Should teenagers who commit crime be punished in the same way as adults?

Do/Did you feel that your freedom was restricted when you were a teenager?

If a young person wants to live without their parents, should they be allowed to?

At what age do you think it is appropriate for young people to start working?

The media

What is your preferred method of getting the news: newspapers, radio or TV?

Is it important to stay up-to-date with current events?

Do you prefer local news, national news or international news?

News has become very political in recent years. What do you think about this?

What is your opinion about getting your news from social media?

Should the media respect the privacy of famous people?

What types of stories does the media in your country focus on?

Do you agree with everything you see on the news?

How can we avoid being influenced by news that isn't accurate?

Do you think newspapers are dying out due to the popularity of internet news?

Advertising

Advertisement is everywhere nowadays. How do you feel about this?

Some advertisement can be inappropriate. Do you agree?

Tell me about a memorable advertisement that you have seen.

Should advertisement of alcohol and tobacco products be restricted?

Do you believe what advertisements tell you?

Why is advertising important for a company's success?

If you saw a product being advertised by a popular celebrity, would you be more likely to buy it?

What is the best way to advertise to children?

How do you feel about internet advertisement being personally targeted towards you?

Do you think advertising influences your purchasing decisions?

Lifestyles

Do you feel like you live a relaxed or a stressful life?
How does our relationship with our family affect our lifestyle?
Do you think it's necessary to have a lot of money to be happy and live a good life?
Some people are risk takers in life. Are you? Why / Why not?
Do you think the high global divorce rate is a problem?
How important is it to have a healthy lifestyle?
What should people in your country do to improve their lifestyle?
Is it essential to have lots of friends to be happy?
Why do some people choose to live outside society?
How has your lifestyle changed since you were younger?

The arts

What type of art do you prefer? Why?
Tell me about a famous artist from your country who you like.
Do you like modern art or do you prefer more traditional art styles?
Are you an artist? What type of art / Why not?
Is it easy to become a successful artist? Why / Why not?
Some art is worth a fortune. How do you feel about this?
What is the most memorable performance you have ever seen?
Do people in your country tend to appreciate art?
What do you consider high art?
Is music art? What about dance? Poetry? Graffiti?

The rights of the individual

Do you believe in the universal right to vote in a democracy?
What rights do workers in your country have?
Are there enough maternity and paternity rights for new parents in your country?
Freedom of speech is a right in many countries. Should this include all types of speech?
Should everybody have the right to quality healthcare?
How can we protect people in other countries who are denied rights that we would consider essential?
Should criminals enjoy all the same rights as other citizens?
In what situations is it acceptable to restrict our individual rights?
Does the government have the right to use our personal information to protect us?
Slavery still exists in some parts of the world. How do you feel about this?

Economic issues

In what ways do we contribute to the economy as individuals?
What is the most important export in your country?
Are you worried about the levels of unemployment in your country?
What taxes do you pay? Do you think taxes are too high?
Do governments have responsibility to send aid to countries with weaker economies?
How difficult is it for first-time buyers to get a mortgage on a house in your country?
Tell me about an important company from your country.
What is your opinion about clothing companies using cheap labour to produce clothes?
Some companies are worth billions. Is it possible for companies to be too big?
How has technology and the internet affected the global economy?

Other

What's your favorite or least favorite movie, and why?

When did you last celebrate something? What were you celebrating?

What's the most embarrassing thing that happened to you in public? Where was it? How did it happen?

Ever pranked someone? What did you do? How did they react?

What did you do the last time you had a road trip? Where did you go? Was it far away or close?

What type of music do you like? Why do you like it? What music do you dislike?

Do you have any phobias? If so, which one(s)?

Are you a neat or messy person? What do you think is better?

What is the best thing u have made? Did you cook something? Did you make it out of wood? Do you still have what you made?

What is something you have that has sentimental value to you? How long have you had it?

Have you ever been on a boat trip? What was the experience like? Where did you go?