

Conversation Questions

Love, Dating & Marriage

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

- About how many guests attended your wedding?
 - How many guests would you invite to your wedding?
- At what age do most people in your country get married?
- At what age do you want to get married?
 - At what age did you get married?
- Describe a perfect date.
- Describe the appearance of the person you would like to date?
- Describe the character of the person you would like to date?
- Do women usually work after getting married in your country?
- Do you "go Dutch" when dating?
- Do you know what it means to 'go Dutch'?
- Is it usual for people in your country to 'go Dutch' if you go out together?
- Do older girls/boys have a problem dating younger girls/boys?
 - Do younger girls/boys have a problem dating older girls/boys?
- Do you believe in love at first sight?
 - Do you think some people know that they will fall in love with someone the first time they meet?
- Do you know what a 'blind date' is?
- Have you ever been on a blind date?
- Did you ever arrange a blind date?
- Do you drive or take the train when dating?
- Do you get along with your in-laws?
- Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend?
 - Where did you meet your him/her?
 - What does he/she look like?
- Do you know anyone who has had an arranged marriage?
- Do you know someone who has gotten a divorce?
- Do you know the difference between love and like?
 - Can you still love your partner and not like him/her?
- Do you think a boy should pay for everything on a date?
- Do you think arranged marriages are a good idea? Why or why not?
 - What is your opinion of arranged marriages?
- Do you think fairy tales influence our choice of a partner?
- Do you think getting married means giving up freedom?
- Do you think if you get married that you will change?
- Do you think it is better to be single or to be married?
- Do you think it is good to get married?
- Do you think it is okay for a couple to live together before getting married? Why or Why not?
- Do you think it is okay to marry someone of a different race?

- Do you think it is okay to marry someone with a different religion?
- Do you think it's OK for a man to have two wives?
- Do you think it's OK for a wife to have two husbands?
- Do you think it's okay for a man to have a mistress?
- Do you think it's okay for a man to hit his wife?
- Do you think love is necessary to have a good marriage?
- Do you think marriage is necessary?
- Do you think marriages based on love are more successful than arranged marriages?
- Do you think marriage is very stressful for women? How about for men?
- Do you think people change after getting married?
- Do you think religion influences marriage? If so, in what ways?
- Do you think that all adults should be married?
- Do you think that you can find eternal love through the Internet?
- Do you want a husband or wife who is older, younger or the same age as you?
- Do you want to have children?
 - If so, how many?
- Have you ever been to a school dance?
- Have you ever had a crush on someone?
- Have you ever hated loving someone?
- Have your parents ever disapproved of any of your relationships?
- How long do you think couples should know each other before they get married?
- How many children would you like to have?
- How often would you like to go out on dates?
- How old were you when you had your first boyfriend or girlfriend?
- How old were you when you went on your first date?
 - Where did you go?
 - What did you do?
 - Who did you go with?
- How old were your parents when they got married?
- If your husband or wife has an affair what would you do?
- If your parents did not approve of a person you loved and wanted to marry, would that be a difficult situation for you? Why or why not?
- Is going out on dates important for you?
- Is there a such thing as a perfect relationship for you?
- If you could go out with anyone, who would it be?
- If you are a man, and a woman asks you for a date, do you feel you should pay, or that the woman should pay?
- If you had to marry either a poor man whom you really loved, or a rich man whom you did not love, which would you choose?
- If you had to choose to live with someone who truly loves you but you don't love him back or to live alone for a rest of your life loving someone that doesn't love you who would you choose?
- What advice would you give to someone whose partner hates their best friend?
- What age do you think is best for getting married?
- What are some dating and marriage customs in your country?

- What are some of the main reasons people get divorced?
- What are some popular places to go on a date?
- What are some qualities that you think are important in a spouse or partner?
- What characteristics do you look for in a girlfriend or boyfriend?
- What do you consider cheating in a dating relationship?
- What do you like to talk about when on a date?
- What do you look for in a girlfriend or a boyfriend?
- What do you think most people talk about when dating?
- What do you think of people who get divorced?
 - Would you ever consider getting divorced?
- What do you think of same-sex marriages?
- What do you think of single mothers?
- What is a wedding ceremony like in your country?
- What is the best way to keep your spouse happy in the marriage?
- What kind of boy or girl do you like?
- What kind of clothes do you wear on a date?
- What kind of man do you want as a husband?
- What kind of person do you want to get married to?
- What kind of woman do you want as a wife?
- What makes a good husband/wife?
- What makes a happy marriage?
 - What do you think are some things that contribute to a successful marriage?
- What qualities are important to you in a boyfriend or girlfriend?
- What qualities in a partner are important to you?
- What was the most boring date you've ever been on?
- What was the most interesting date you've ever been on?
- What would you consider "the perfect date" for you?
- What would you do if your soon to be mother-in-law seems to hate you?
- What would your parents think if you don't get married?
- When did your parents get married?
- Where do you want to go for your honeymoon?
 - Where did you go for your honeymoon?
- Where do you want to go on your honeymoon?
- Where is a good place to go on a date in this town?
- Where would you like to go on a date?
- Which is more important for you, your job or your marriage?
- Why do people break up with their partners?
- Will you continue working after you get married?
- Would you date someone you really liked if your parents did not like him or her?
- Would you ever marry someone who has been divorced twice?
- Would you introduce your date to your family?
- Would you live with your parents after you get married?
- Would you marry someone from another country?
- Would you marry someone ten years older than you? How about ten years younger than you?
- Would you marry someone that your parents didn't like?

- Would you marry someone who couldn't speak the same language as you speak?
- Would you mind if your boyfriend or girlfriend went out to party without you?
- Would you prefer to go out with a quiet or a talkative person?
- At what age do you think that dating should begin?
 - Do you think there is any age when a person is too old to date?
- Do you know a happily married couple?
- Can you name a famous happily married couple?
- What do you think is the most important ingredient in a good marriage?
- How long is the marriage ceremony in your country?
- Who designed the marriage covenant?
- What do you think about dating a friend's ex-girlfriend or ex-boyfriend?
- Does your first love still hold a special place in your heart?
 - Do you believe that he or she will always have a special place in your heart?
- What qualities do you look in your partner?
- Do you think its possible to wait for the man or woman you love while he or she is in jail?
- What is your definition of love?
- Would you wait on a person you were dating for a long time if they joined the army?
 - How about if they went to prison?
- What is the best season to get married?
- Do you know anybody who has two families at the same time and supports them both?
- How many families can you have in your country?
- Are there any superstitions on making someone fall in love with you?
 - Have you heard of any successful "love potions?"
- Have you ever returned a gift to your boyfriend or girlfriend and later find out that he has given it to his or her new mate?
- Do you know of any superstitions connected with weddings?
- Would it be important for you to have a "white wedding dress"?
- Can you control your partner by playing games?
- Why do you think the bride's maids wear white.
- When should you introduce your boyfriend or girlfriend to your parents?
 - When you begin dating
 - After you have been together for a while
 - Only when the relationship is serious?
 - Why?
- Do you like to have boy friend or girl friend in your school or in your classes?
- Do you think it is right to continue seeing a person if he has not introduced you to his family yet?
- In your opinion is marriage for life?
 - Do you think when people get married it is really until death?
- How long does it take for dating to become a relationship?
- Is it important to be punctual in your first date? Why?
- Would you dress up for a first date? What clothes would you wear?
- What kind of place do you think is the ideal for a first date? Why do you think so?
- What are your country's norms or laws on displays of public affection?

- Do you think it is okay for couples to kiss in public?
- How would you feel if your boyfriend liked to keep company with a female friend when you're not there?
- How would you feel if your girlfriend liked to keep company with a male friend when you're not there?
- If you could go back to your past love, and change what went wrong, who would it be?
- Who do you love?
- If you had to choose to live with someone who truly loves you but you don't love him back or to live alone for a rest of your life loving someone that doesn't love you what would you choose?
- What would you change, if you are given only one chance to do it ?
- Whose heart did you break most ? Did you apologize from him\her ?
- Have you ever met someone you love a lot but never expressed it?
- If your parents forced you to get married with a person who you don't love, what would you do in this situation?
- If your boyfriend/girlfriend dated another person, then he/she wanted to return and date you, would you date again?
- If your boyfriend/girlfriend dated your close friend, what would you do?
- Do you believe that having a permanent love between two person who are living in two different countries is possible?
- Do you want your husband to know how you looked as a child? Why or why not?
- Do you believe in love at first sight or love after the first night?

International Marriage

- Would you marry someone of another nationality?
- Are your parents of the same nationality?
- What are some advantages of an international marriage?
- What are some disadvantages?
- Do you want to have an international marriage?
- Do you know anyone who married someone from a different country? If yes, what is their experience like?
- Do you think it is more difficult to marry someone from a different country?
- How would your parents feel if you married someone from a different country?
- Do you think that it is good for children to have parents from two different countries? Why? Why not?

The following question may be considered inappropriate in some situations.

- Do you think that gay people should be allowed to marry?