

The Big List of Free Write Prompts and ESL Conversation Topics

Free Write Prompts

- If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- Write an acrostic poem using the first letters of your name—or your pet's.
- If you were stranded on a desert island, how would you find food and try to get rescued?
- Would you want someone to make a movie about your life? Who would be the star? What would it be called? What would the mood be?
- If you suddenly received \$20, what would you do with it? How about \$20,000?
- Write a (very short) story about someone taking a trip. It can be sci-fi, realistic, fantasy... anything!
- Try to create your own word for a thing or concept that doesn't have its own word now.
- Is there a smell or flavor that makes you remember something specific? A time, place, event?
- Look at these "still life" paintings. Then, write a description of a made-up "still life" scene.
- Some people enjoy pushing their own limits. When was one time that you pushed your limits? What are some different people may push themselves out of their comfort zone?
- Write about a favorite memory.
- If you could change one thing about the world today, what would you change and why?
- What is one thing that you would invent if you could to make your life easier?
- If you could build your dream house, what would be in it?
- What is your favorite holiday and why? What is one memory you have of that holiday?
- What is the favorite Halloween costume you've ever worn?
- If I were President, I would...
- If I could have one body part of any animal, I would choose...
- Think about something SCARY and write a story about it.
- If you could gain any new skill immediately, what would it be?
- Imagine you owned a zoo. What animals would be there, and who would be allowed to visit?
- If you could invent anything in the world, what would it be?

- What is something you could never live without?
- If you could have any hairstyle and facial hair in the world, what would you choose?
- How long could you live in the wilderness, and what dangers would you face?
- Do aliens exist? If they did, what would they look like?
- Do you often dream? What do you dream about?
- What would be in your “utopia?”
- Younger people are different than older people because...
- What is the greatest invention of the last hundred years?
- Read this list of usual laws around the world. If you could create any new law, what would it say?
- Do you care what happens to your body after you die? Why or why not?
- What is your ideal party?
- You have an opportunity to be sent to Mars, to become one of the first colonists. You will live a life that no one ever has, and the expedition will pay you five million dollars. But you need to leave all your family and friends behind. Do you accept? Why or why not?
- What would you do if you were the last person on earth?
- If you could drink only one liquid (besides water) for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?
- Do you like performing in front of people? If you had your own one-person Broadway show, what would it include? What is a moment in your past when you have had to perform in front of people?
- If you could instantly make a medicine that could change or cure anything, what would you make and why?
- What is your favorite part of school? Least favorite? What would you change about school if you could?
- Can you draw a picture and then write a story about what is happening in it?
- Have you ever had a “eureka moment”? What did you realize?
- If you could turn poisonous whenever you wanted, what would you do?
- Did you make a New Year’s resolution this year? If so, what is it?
- If you had fifteen minutes with the President, what would you say?
- When was one time you felt powerful?

ESL Conversation Topics

- Is there such a thing as "wasted time"?
- What's the strangest or most unique place you have ever gone to sleep?
- Are you a risk taker? Why/why not?
- What is your least favorite food?
- Do you prefer to cook or eat out?
- What would you do if I gave you \$20/\$2,000/\$2,000,000?
- What's the last book you read? What was your favorite scene or character?
- If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?
- If you could live anywhere on earth, where would you live?
- Tell a story about a time you got lost.
- Do you smoke or drink? Why or why not?
- What is a piece of news that you heard about recently?
- Are you worried about climate change? Why or why not?
- What makes a good friend?
- Do you think people are generally good or bad?
- What are some of your pet peeves?
- Would you rather have dog's ears or hawks eyes?
- How is religion different in your country from the US? Are you religious?
- If you were hosting a party, who would you invite and what would you serve?
- What is your favorite social network?
- What would be your ideal commute?
- Have you ever made a New Year's Resolution? What was it?
- Who is one celebrity you admire? How about one you don't?
- Tell me about your grandparents and other extended family.
- Would you ever own a business? What type?
- What do you do when you feel demotivated?
- Have you ever been a victim of crime?
- Do you often have nightmares?
- What's your favorite thing about yourself?

- What do you do when you feel demotivated?
- What types of music are popular in your country, both traditional and contemporary?
- What are some things that you do that you think are healthy? Unhealthy?
- Do you follow celebrity news? Why or why not?
- Do you prefer watching movies or TV?
- What is a fear that you have?
- Do you like sports? What is your favorite sport?
- Do you believe in ghosts?