

# CONVERSATION AND ESSAY TOPICS

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents are the best teachers.

“Not everything that is learned is contained in books.” In your opinion, which source is more important experience or book? Why?

Who is the most influential person in the world? Why?

Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer and why?

In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good neighbor?

What are some important qualities of a good supervisor (boss)? Use specific details and examples to explain why these qualities are important.

Should governments spend more money on improving roads and highways, or should governments spend more money on improving public transportation (buses, trains, subways)? Why? Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should sometimes do things that they do **not** enjoy doing. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Is it better to enjoy your money when you earn it or is it better to save your money for some time in the future? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Choose **one** of the following transportation vehicles and explain why you think it has changed people’s lives.

- automobiles
- bicycles
- airplanes

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Do you agree or disagree that progress is always good? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Learning about the past has no value for those of us living in the present. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

The expression “Never, never give up” means to keep trying and never stop working for your goals. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

What is a very important skill a person should learn in order to be successful in the world today? Choose **one** skill and use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

Some people prefer to work for a large company. Others prefer to work for a small company. Which would you prefer? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One should never judge a person by external appearances. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person should never make an important decision alone. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Businesses should do anything they can to make a profit. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

What do you want **most** in a friend — someone who is intelligent, or someone who has a sense of humor, or someone who is reliable? Which **one** of these characteristics is most important to you? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your choice.

Some people prefer to work for themselves or own a business. Others prefer to work for an employer. Would you rather be self-employed, work for someone else, or own a business? Use specific reasons to explain your choice.

Is it more important to be able to work with a group of people on a team or to work independently? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.

If you could go back to some time and place in the past, when and where would you go? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.

If you could travel back in time to meet a famous person from history, what person would you like to meet? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

If you could meet a famous entertainer or athlete, who would that be, and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.