

## Good and Bad- Subject Questions Speaking Game

Ask and answer suitable questions from below, being careful to avoid the many questions which are taboo, too personal, too deep or serious, strange, etc.

### Good and taboo subject questions list

- How many emails arrive for you every day?
- How many ex-classmates have contacted you?
- How many people called you on the phone yesterday?
- How many people emailed you last week?
- How much money would be enough for you?
- What attracted you to your company/ job?
- What attracted you to your partner?
- What food most disgust you?
- What calms you down?
- What gets you going in the morning?
- What gives you a headache?
- What has really scared you?
- What helps you relax?
- What irritates you most about this town?
- What is in front of your home?
- What kinds of books interest you?
- What last made you vomit?
- What makes you angry?
- What matters most to you?
- What motivates you?
- What package last arrived at your home?
- What situations make you spend too much money?
- What songs get stuck inside your head?
- What stresses you out?
- What things distract you?/ What makes it difficult for you to concentrate?
- What things in other countries have most impressed you?
- What wakes you up at night?
- What worries you most about modern life?
- Which bus routes run near your house?
- Which colour suits you better, blue or black?
- Which family member looks most like you?
- Which genres don't interest you?
- Which shopping areas are nearest where you live?
- Which station is nearest to your house?
- Who and what influences your shopping decisions?
- Who annoys you most?
- Who asked the other person out, you or your other half?
- Who buys most presents in your family?
- Who called you on the phone last week?
- Who came to your last party?
- Who chose you for your present job?
- Who chose your name?

- Who complimented your last haircut?
- Who cooked your dinner last night?
- Who cut your hair?
- Who did your level check when you first came to this school?
- Who disagrees with you most often?
- Who does most housework in your family?
- Who first taught you English?
- Who follows you on social media?
- Who gave you presents last Xmas?
- Who gave you Valentine's cards when you were younger?
- Who has inspired you?
- Who has the most money in your family?
- Who or what helped you choose what to study?
- Who or what inspires you?
- Who or what motivates you?
- Who inspired you to study what you did?
- Who interviewed you for your present job?
- Who is a better parent, your father or your mother?
- Who last asked you out on a date?
- Who last borrowed money from you?
- Who last shouted at you?
- Who listens to you when you need to vent?
- Who lives next door to you?
- Who looked after you when you were a child?
- Who looks after your children when you aren't there?
- Who paid for your education?
- Who pays when you go out for dinner with your family?
- Who played with you most when you were very young?
- Who recommended this school to you?
- Who sang most the last time that you went to karaoke?
- Who would be a better prime minister than the present one?"
- Whose is the most handsome face in the world?

*As a class, choose a few suitable questions and a few totally unsuitable ones.*

*What do all the questions have in common? How are they all different from more common small talk questions like "How's it going?" and "What do you do?"?*

*What are the grammatical subjects of "How's it going?" and "What do you do?"? What are the grammatical subjects of all questions above?*

*What are the most common question words starting those kinds of questions?*

*Try to write more unsuitable and (especially) suitable subject questions to add to the list.*