

Extend My Thinking Video: Improving Conversation

How to Have a Great Conversation With Anyone

At this site, you will find an article that lists some great tips to having a “good, meaningful, and entertaining conversation with anyone.” It also lists some warnings for things not to do during a conversation.

<http://public-speaking.in/guide/how-to-have-a-great-conversation-with-anyone/>

Seven Tips for Making Good Communication With a Stranger

This is a blog devoted to *New York Times* best selling author Gretchen Rubin and her attempt to gain wisdom on how to be happier in life.

http://www.happiness-project.com/happiness_project/2009/05/seven-tips-for-making-good-conversation-with-a-stranger.html

Top 50 Open-Ended Questions for Sparking Conversations with Kids

Open-ended questions lead people to speak more fully on subjects and topics during conversations. These open-ended questions tend to develop around the five “W” questions (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How) rather than closed-questions, which allow people to answer with a simple yes or no. This site lists 50 possible open-ended questions and gives further links to great ways to use open-ended questions. Though many questions are geared towards children, with a little creativity, they can be adapted to other age groups.

<http://leladavidson.hubpages.com/hub/Top-50-Open-Ended-Questions-for-Sparking-Conversation-With-Kids>

Effective Communication Exercises

Here are four communication exercises to help develop stronger relationships with family members, friends, and professional colleagues.

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/effective-communication-exercises.html>

For Parents:

Teaching Children the Art of Good Conversation

Helping your child develop the skills associated with effective communication is an important thing for a parent to do. This article gives advice on how parents can work to accomplish this with their children.

<http://familyfun.go.com/holidays/teaching-children-the-art-of-good-conversation-701388/>