

50 High School ESL Conversation Starters

1. What are your thoughts on the importance of education?
2. How do you think technology is changing the way we live?
3. If you could start a charity, what would it focus on?
4. What career are you interested in pursuing after high school?
5. What's a global issue you feel passionate about?
6. How do you define success?
7. What's the most challenging thing about being a teenager today?
8. What role does social media play in your life?
9. Discuss a book that made a significant impact on you.
10. If you could travel back in time, what era would you visit and why?
11. What's your opinion on the importance of environmental conservation?
12. How do you handle stress and pressure?
13. What's your favorite memory from childhood?
14. If you could meet any historical figure, who would it be and why?
15. What's the most important lesson you've learned in life so far?
16. Discuss a movie that you believe has a deep message.
17. What qualities do you think make a good leader?
18. What's your favorite hobby or pastime?
19. How do you think society will change in the next 20 years?
20. What's a skill you'd like to learn and why?
21. If you could change one thing about your school, what would it be?
22. What's something you've done that took you out of your comfort zone?
23. How do you think we can solve [a specific social issue]?

24. What does a perfect day look like for you?
25. What's a piece of advice you would give to your younger self?
26. What's the most interesting place you've ever visited?
27. How do you think the internet has changed human communication?
28. What's your favorite subject in school and why?
29. What are your thoughts on [a current event or trend]?
30. If you could learn one new language fluently, which would it be?
31. What's something you're passionate about and why?
32. Discuss a personal hero or role model of yours.
33. What's your favorite tradition or holiday, and how do you celebrate it?
34. How do you think we can promote more tolerance and understanding in society?
35. What's your favorite form of artistic expression?
36. Discuss a challenge you've faced and how you overcame it.
37. What's something you believe is misunderstood about your generation?
38. What's your opinion on the importance of space exploration?
39. What's your favorite family memory?
40. If you could invent something, what would it be?
41. What's your opinion on the balance between privacy and security?
42. How do you see the role of AI and robotics in the future?
43. What's something you'd like to achieve in the next five years?
44. How do you approach making important decisions?
45. What's a book or movie that you think everyone should read/watch? Why?
46. What's an issue in your community that you would like to address?
47. Discuss a historical event that fascinates you.
48. What do you think is the key to a good friendship?

49. If you could have dinner with any three people (dead or alive), who would they be?

50. How do you think we can improve cross-cultural understanding and communication?