



# Conversation

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If you had superpowers, what would they be and how would you use them to help people?

What's one fun thing you hope to do in the next year?

What's something you couldn't do when you were younger that you can do now?

If you could be an animal, what would you want to be? Why?

Who is your favorite character from a book, movie, or TV show?

Name 5 people you love most in the world and why.

What makes you laugh?

What is your favorite food? Your least favorite?

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you want to live? Why?

What is your favorite season? What do you like about it?

If you were a season, which season would you be and why?

What would you do if you made the rules at home?

What is your favorite type of weather?

What is your favorite book?

If you could have a character from a book or movie as a best friend, who would it be? Why?

What are 3 things that you're good at doing that took a lot of hard work and practice?

What's the best Halloween costume you can think of?

Do you have a favorite piece of clothing? What makes it special?

"After being in Harry Potter, I believe a bit more in magic than I did before," said the actor who played Ron Weasley. Do you believe in magic? Explain your answer.


What is your favorite thing to do outside?

Invent a superhero who protects something you care about. Tell us about it!



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Do you think it's possible to change the world? Why or why not?

What is one thing you couldn't live without?

Who is/was your favorite teacher? Why?

If you could give one present to the world, what would it be?

If you were principal of your school, would you change anything? What?

If snow or rain could fall in any flavor, what flavor would you choose?

Name 3 things that make you happy.

What was your favorite thing you did this summer? Why was it your favorite?

If you could have a zoo animal as a pet, which animal would you pick?

Do you think it's more fun to be a parent or a child?

Have you ever volunteered? What did you do? Did you enjoy it?

What is your favorite animal?

If you could change one thing about your family or about school, what would it be?

Name 3 springtime activities that make you happy.

What personality traits did you get from each of your parents?

What is your favorite thing to do? Why? How would you feel if you couldn't do it anymore?

Talk about 2 things for which you felt thankful or grateful for today.

What is your favorite way to travel? (Bike, car, on foot, plane, train, etc)

We use lots of words that aren't in the dictionary. What's your favorite made up or slang word?

Would you rather be very tall or very short?


Would you rather go for a walk in the woods or along the shore of the ocean?

What is your favorite way to keep in touch with people you don't see everyday?



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When is it especially important to say 'thank you'? Do you notice when people thank you, or forget to thank you?

How has your understanding of gratitude changed over the years? What did you feel most grateful for when you were younger? And today?

Gertrude Stein said, "Silent gratitude isn't very much to anyone." Describe the most creative way you've ever expressed thanks to someone, or someone has expressed thanks to you.

How do you feel when you receive thank you cards from your friends or when they say 'thank you'? Why?

What are 3 things you could give to or do for a close friend that would make him or her happy?

If you started your own charity, who or what would it help?

What do you like to do on rainy days?

Are there lessons you have learned about giving that you could share with others?

What's the most interesting thing you learned about in school today?

Did you do anything to help someone recently? What was it? If not, what could you still do?

When you do something nice for someone, how does it make you feel?

Do you know someone who is a giving person? Who is it and what makes them so?

Think about someone you know who could use a pick-me-up or a helping hand. Who is it and what could you do for them?

What was the best gift you ever received?

What is something you love that you would like to share with someone else?

What can you give or do for someone that doesn't cost any money?

What is a strength or gift that you could teach others?

Think about a person in your family (living or not) who gave back to others. In what ways did they give to others? What could you do to be more like this person?



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What is the most important invention we use every day?

If you could invent a solution to help one big world problem, what would it be?

Would you rather travel to the moon or the bottom of the ocean?

If you could add one new feature to a car, what would it be?

Do you think it's possible to change the world? Why or why not?

How do you think technology (like smart-phones) has changed the way people communicate?

Do you prefer reading books on a tablet or on paper?

If you could invent an app, what would it do?

Who was the best inventor of all time?

Do you think technology makes communication better or more difficult?

How do you find technology helpful for learning?

Do you ever find yourself distracted by social media or your cell phone when you're trying to focus on school or work? What do you do when that happens?

If you were a parent, what strategies would you use to try to keep your kids safe with technology, cell phones, and social media?

How would you explain "likes" to someone who has never used social media? Are they important, and if so, why?

What will be different about the world in 50 years? What will be the same?

If you could invent a machine to do something in your life, what would that machine do?

What planet would you like to visit?

How does social media affect your relationships with others?


In the year 2030, what do you hope we will have discovered that will make the world better?

Are there any situations when it's OK to read another person's private messages or emails?



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Do people you know ever share passwords (for example, with friends, significant others, or family members)?

If you were a utensil, what would you be?

Do you ever take breaks from using your cell phone and checking your messages/social media? Why, or why not?

How would your day be different without the internet? Without cell phones?

If you had to give up one piece of technology, what would it be and why?

What is one thing you learned about technology today?

If you could make one piece of technology accessible to everyone in the world, what would it be and why?

Do you think there is a need to explore the potential for living on other planets? Why or why not?

Do you think using social media to broadcast historic happenings in “real time” might change the way people view those events?

Would you be more likely to want to learn about something from history if it were presented in social media or in some other digital format? Why or why not?

If you could “live tweet” any event or series of events from history, what would you choose and why?

Would you be inclined to ‘drive’ a self-driving car or be a passenger in one?