CONVERSATION CARDS GRADES 3-5



School 5

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96 CARDS



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Conversation Cards

Start here 96 conversation cards a follow-up on every card

What's inside

- **96 conversation cards** in 6 topics, 16 cards each, color-coded by topic. Each card has a question and a "Then ask" follow-up. 8 cards a page, edge to edge for straight cuts.
- **30-space game board** (page 6) in the same six colors, with 4 bonus spaces, and **8 bonus cards** (page 20)
- **16 blank type-in cards** (pages 21-22): type your own question and follow-up, then print
- A page of follow-up starters (page 7), a chip tracker (page 23), an after-we-talked page (page 24) and a note home (page 25)
- How to play (page 3), six sample cards (page 4) and a worked game (page 5)

The 6 topics

- **School**: 16 cards, pages 8-9
- **Family**: 16 cards, pages 10-11
- **Food**: 16 cards, pages 12-13
- **Hobbies**: 16 cards, pages 14-15
- **Feelings**: 16 cards, pages 16-17
- **Would You Rather**: 16 cards, pages 18-19

Set up

Print the card pages on cardstock, cut on the dashed lines, and sort the cards into six piles by color. Laminate them to use all year. Print the board (page 6) and a bonus page (page 20). Players need a die and a small token each, like a coin or an eraser.

Ways to use the cards

- **Game**: play on the board with two to four players (page 3).
- **Morning meeting or partner talk**: draw one card and have partners trade answers.
- **Small group or lunch bunch**: one card per person, then everyone asks a follow-up.
- **Ready for more**: ask for two sentences and a reason, or have a partner ask their own follow-up instead of the one on the card.

Good to know

- Every question is open-ended, so there is no wrong answer.
- Players can always pass a card and take another from the same pile.
- The topics are everyday ones: school, family, food, hobbies, feelings and silly choices.

These are conversation prompts to enjoy together, not a program or a test.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Read a card. Talk about it.



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How a Turn Goes

An invented game of three students: Ana, Ben and Cy. Their names are made up.



Food 1

What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?

Then ask:
Do you make it, or does someone else?

Ana reads the card and answers
"Pancakes with blueberries. My dad makes them on Saturday."

Ben asks the "Then ask" question
"Do you make it, or does someone else?"

Ana answers again
"He makes the batter and I get to flip them."

Six turns

Turn	Card	Answered	Asked
1	Food	Ana	Ben
2	School	Ben	Cy
3	Hobbies	Cy	Ana
4	Would You Rather	Ana	–
5	Feelings	Ben	Ana
6	Family	Cy	Ben

Chips

Name	Answered	Asked	Total
Ana	2	2	4
Ben	2	2	4
Cy	2	1	3

One chip for answering a card. One chip for asking a follow-up. In turn 4 nobody asked, so there was no second chip.

Ask a follow-up that opens it up

Quick answer	Tell me more
Did you like it?	What did you like about it?
Was it fun?	What was the most fun part?

Check it

6 turns means 6 answer chips. A follow-up was asked in 5 of the 6 turns, so 5 follow-up chips. Ana has 4, Ben has 4 and Cy has 3, and 4 + 4 + 3 = 11 chips in all.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Use these to keep talking.

Tell me more about _____

What happened next?

Why do you like _____

How did you feel when _____

Who was with you?

Where did you _____

Me too! I also _____

I never thought about that.

My best follow-up question:

Show you are listening

Look at your partner. Nod. Wait for your turn. Say "Tell me more."

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.

School 9

What would your perfect school day look like?

Then ask:
What would you do first?

School 10

What is your favorite place in our school?

Then ask:
What makes it special?

School 11

If you were the teacher for a day, what would you teach?

Then ask:
Why did you pick that?

School 12

What is a game you like to play with friends at school?

Then ask:
How do you play it?

School 13

What is something kind someone did for you at school?

Then ask:
How did you say thank you?

School 14

What would you put in a time capsule for our class?

Then ask:
Why that thing?

School 15

What do you like best about our classroom?

Then ask:
What would you add to it?

School 16

What is something you want to learn how to do?

Then ask:
How could you get started?

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.



Family 9

If your family could go anywhere, where would you go?

Then ask:
What would you do there?



Family 10

What is a pet you have, or would like to have?

Then ask:
What would you name it?



Family 11

What is something you like to do before bed?

Then ask:
Do you do it every night?



Family 12

What is the best gift you have given someone?

Then ask:
What did they say?



Family 13

What is something your family is really good at?

Then ask:
How did you get so good?



Family 14

What is your favorite thing about where you live?

Then ask:
What is close by?



Family 15

Who is someone older that you learn from?

Then ask:
What have they taught you?



Family 16

What is a rule at home that you think is fair?

Then ask:
Why is it a good rule?

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.



Food 9

If you opened a restaurant, what would it be called?

Then ask:
What would be on the menu?

Food 10

What is the best thing to eat on a hot day?

Then ask:
What about on a cold day?

Food 11

What is your favorite dessert?

Then ask:
Who makes it the best?

Food 12

What is the best food to take on a picnic?

Then ask:
Where would you have it?

Food 13

What is a food that makes you think of a special day?

Then ask:
Who is there with you?

Food 14

What is a food that is fun to eat?

Then ask:
What makes it fun?

Food 15

What would you pack for lunch on a very long day?

Then ask:
What would you save for last?

Food 16

If you could invent a new ice cream flavor, what would it be?

Then ask:
What would you name it?

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.

Hobbies 9

What is a collection you have, or would like to start?

Then ask:
What would be in it?

Hobbies 10

If you had a free day with no plans, what would you do?

Then ask:
Who would you invite?

Hobbies 11

What is a video game, board game or card game you like?

Then ask:
How do you play it?

Hobbies 12

What is a skill you could teach a friend?

Then ask:
How would you teach it?

Hobbies 13

What is the best thing about your favorite hobby?

Then ask:
When did you find that out?

Hobbies 14

What is your favorite way to move, like biking, dancing or swimming?

Then ask:
When do you do it?

Hobbies 15

What project would you work on if you had lots of time?

Then ask:
What would you need?

Hobbies 16

What is something you are proud of making or doing?

Then ask:
What did you learn?

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.



Feelings 9

What is a kind thing someone said to you?

Then ask:
How did it make you feel?



Feelings 10

What is a good way to cheer up a friend?

Then ask:
Have you ever tried it?



Feelings 11

How do you feel on the first day of something new?

Then ask:
What would make it easier?



Feelings 12

What is a time you felt brave?

Then ask:
What did you do?



Feelings 13

What is a time you felt silly?

Then ask:
Did anyone laugh with you?



Feelings 14

What is something you like about yourself?

Then ask:
When did you first notice it?



Feelings 15

What makes a day a really good day?

Then ask:
What was your last good day?



Feelings 16

What is something you feel thankful for?

Then ask:
Who helped make that happen?

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.

Would You Rather 9

Would you rather be a famous singer or a famous athlete?

Then ask:
What would be the best part?

Would You Rather 10

Would you rather have a robot helper or a magic wand?

Then ask:
What would you ask for first?

Would You Rather 11

Would you rather read a book or watch a movie?

Then ask:
What is one you would pick?

Would You Rather 12

Would you rather ride a roller coaster or float in a hot air balloon?

Then ask:
What would you see?

Would You Rather 13

Would you rather build a giant sandcastle or a giant snow fort?

Then ask:
Who would help you?

Would You Rather 14

Would you rather play a board game or a card game?

Then ask:
What is your best game?

Would You Rather 15

Would you rather explore space or the deep ocean?

Then ask:
What do you hope to find?

Would You Rather 16

Would you rather jump super high or run super fast?

Then ask:
What would you do with it?

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.

My card

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PREVIEW

My name _____

Color a circle for every chip.

Player 1 **Total**

Answered ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Asked ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Player 2 **Total**

Answered ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Asked ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Player 3 **Total**

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Asked ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Player 4 **Total**

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PREVIEW

Note Home

Type or write what we talked about, then send this page home.

For the family

Today we practiced talking and listening with conversation cards. We took turns answering a question and asking a follow-up. Here is what we talked about:

Thank you for talking with your child at home!

PREVIEW

Try it at home

- Pick one question to ask at dinner or in the car, such as: What was the best part of your day?
- Listen to the whole answer. Then ask a follow-up, like: What happened next?
- Switch! Let your child ask you one question and one follow-up.
- Keep it short and fun. A few minutes is plenty.

Student: _____ Date: _____ From: _____