

100

GREAT QUESTIONS FOR DEEP CONVERSATIONS



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INTRODUCTION

100 Great Questions for Deep Conversations is a collection of the most popular questions from 1000 Social Emotional Questions. The book is an adventure for the mind and a catalyst for dialogue. Each question will inspire reflection and discussion. You will get to compare your answers with responses with your friends and family, as well as with teenagers from all over the world. Enjoy the journey. A deep, engaging conversation awaits.



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1 IF YOU MADE UP YOUR OWN NATIONAL HOLIDAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND HOW WOULD WE CELEBRATE?

- A. Yes Day. Adults have to say yes to everything. (Demetri, Ukraine)
- B. National Relax Day. No one would do anything. Everyone would wear pajamas all day long. (Lisa, U.S.A)
- C. Be Nice Day. Everyone would have to go out of their way to be kind to each other. (Nzemeke, Nigeria)

Your Answer _____

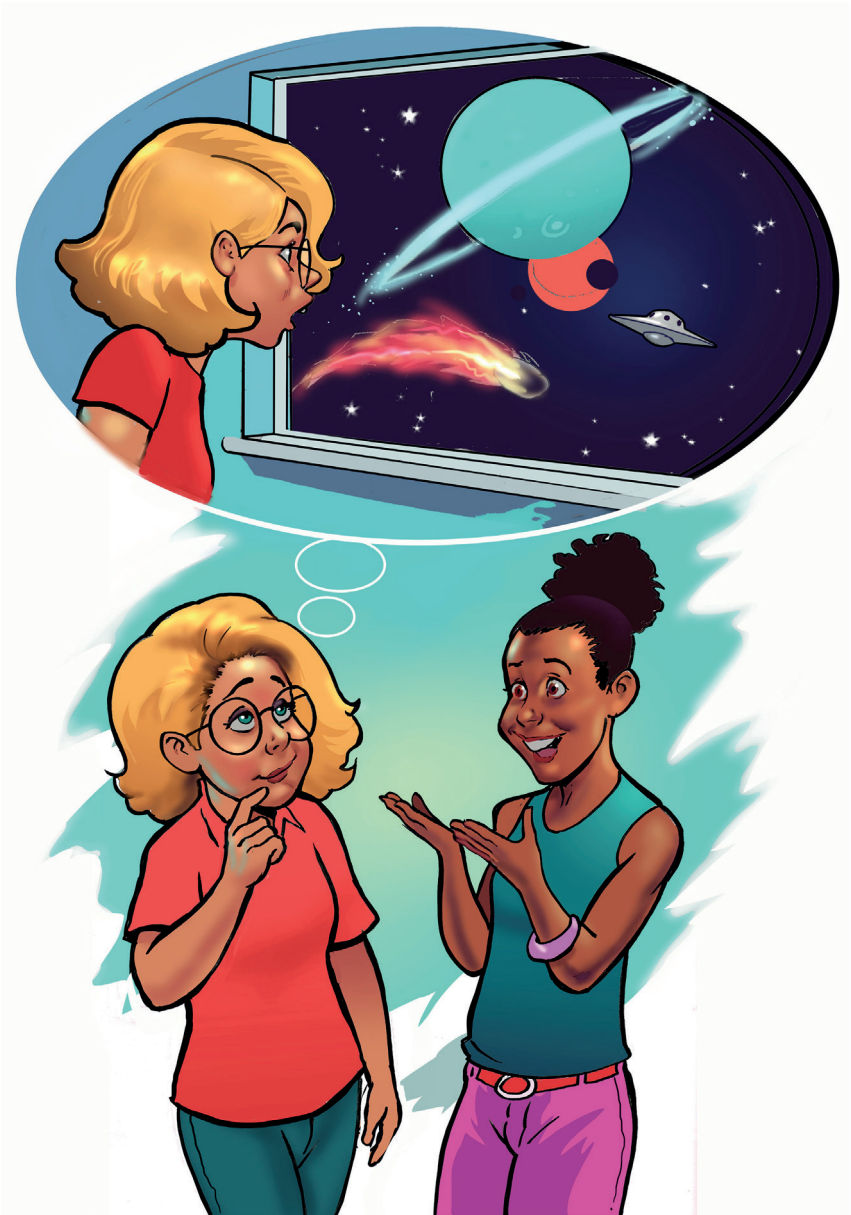
Friend or Family Answer _____

2 WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY AND WHY?

- A. Halloween. We get to wear costumes and eat lots of candy. (Kiera, U.S.A)
- B. Eid is my favorite holiday because we wear traditional clothes and eat amazing food. (Betu, Turkey)
- C. New Year's Day. I love yelling, "Happy New Year" and I don't get in trouble for yelling. (Brandon, U.S.A)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY VIEW FROM YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?'

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- A. I would like to have a view on a big mountain with snowy peaks. (George, U.S.A)
- B. An apple orchard. (Sophie, France)
- C. A view of the entire city from the 99th floor. (Betu, Turkey)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

4 IF YOU COULD PAINT A MURAL ON YOUR BEDROOM CEILING, WHAT WOULD YOU PUT ON IT?

- A. I would include the moon, the sea, and a lot of flowers. (Niyoocha, Pakistan)
- B. The world map or maybe the solar system. (Zaidh, Kenya)
- C. A soccer field. (August, U.S.A)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'IF YOU COULD CREATE A MOVIE,
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5 IF YOU COULD CREATE A MOVIE, WHAT GENRE WOULD IT BE?

- A. Comedy. (Lilliana, U.S.A.)
- B. Action. (Javier, Mexico)
- C. Fantasy. (Yennifer, Dominican Republic)

Your Answer _____

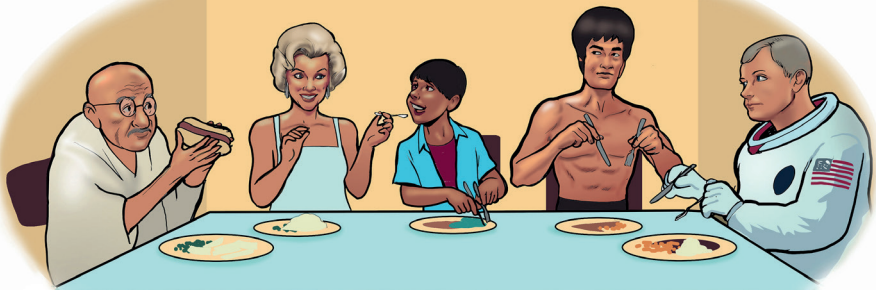
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6 WHAT ACTOR WOULD STAR IN THE FILM AND WHAT WOULD IT BE ABOUT?

- A. Kevin Hart. Someone who loses their memory and says what they really think. (Etienne, France)
- B. Dwayne Johnson. The film would be a modern adaptation of Othello turned into a mafia story. (Niyooosha, Pakistan)
- C. Jennifer Lawrence. The main character is a time traveler who uses her power selfishly. (Yennifer, Dominican Republic)

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- A. Snoop Dogg, Kevin Hart, my geography teacher, and my best friend Sonia. (Milka, Montenegro)
- B. Steve Harvey, my grandma, Michael Jackson, Barack Obama. (Evan, U.S.A)
- C. Harry Styles, Doja Cat, Spiderman, and Harry Potter. (Javier, Mexico.)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

8 WHAT FOOD WOULD YOU SERVE?

- A. Pizza, brownies, and sliders. (Lisa, U.S.A)
- B. Homemade ugalis, kale and beef. (Mywangi, Kenya)
- C. Only desserts. (Etienne, France)

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- A. A collage of novels. (Ushim, South Africa)
- B. A fairy enchanted forest float. (Sophie, France)
- C. A sailboat with my friend on it. (Evan, U.S.A)

Your Answer _____

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WHICH PARADES WOULD YOU ATTEND?

- A. Mermaid parade (Violet, U.S.A.)
- B. Halloween Parade (Liz, U.S.A)
- C. Carnival in Rio de Janeiro (Heitor, Brazil)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'IN WHAT WAYS DO PEOPLE MISJUDGE YOU?'

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- A. Whenever I am quiet, people always assume I am bored with their conversations. (Nusrat, Bangladesh)
- B. I seem to be rude and a mean girl, but I think that's just how I look. (Anastasia, U.S.A)
- C. When I'm making other people smile, but actually I am not happy inside. (Miu, Japan)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

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WHEN DO YOU FEEL UNDERSTOOD?

- A. I recently shared with my sister that my math teacher picks on me. My sister opened up and said that she also had the same experience. (Milka, Montenegro.)
- B. When someone listens to music with me and we both get the vibe. (Niko, Netherlands)
- C. When I talk to my dad. (Evan, U.S.A.)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'ARE YOU AN OPTIMIST, PESSIMIST, OR REALIST?'

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- A. Realist. (Milka, Montenegro)
- B. Optimist. (Ushim, South Africa)
- C. Pessimist and realist. (Rocky, U.S.A)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

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WHAT ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC, PESSIMISTIC OR REALISTIC ABOUT?

- A. I am optimistic that if I get good grades, I will get into a great college. (Kyra, U.S.A.)
- B. I am pessimistic about climate change. (Etienne, France)
- C. I am realistic about finances. (Xiomarys, Puerto Rico)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL YOURSELF?'

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- A. Start saving money for a phone. (Rocky, U.S.A.)
- B. I'd tell my younger self to not worry too much about being liked. (Mywangi, Kenya)
- C. Appreciate and love herself more. (Sophie, France)

Your Answer _____

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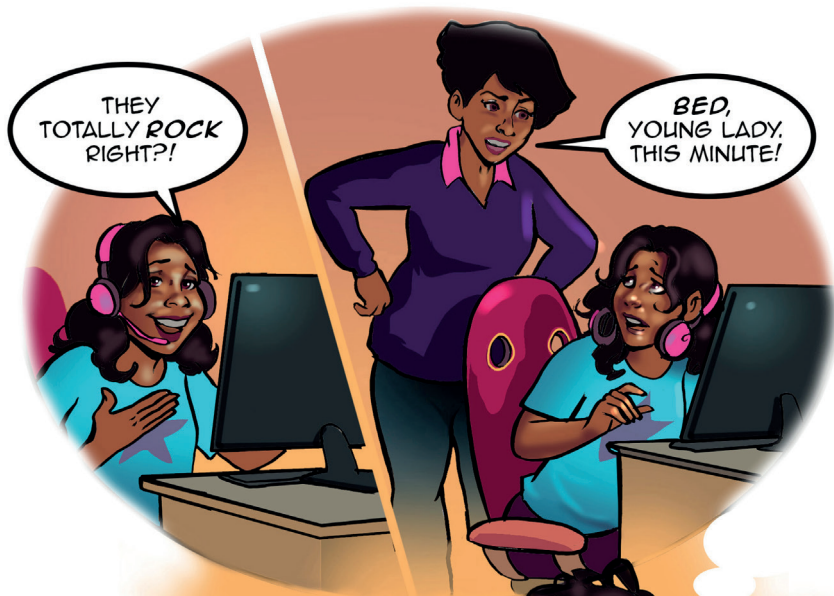
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IF YOU COULD GO FORWARD IN TIME AND GIVE YOUR OLDER SELF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL YOURSELF?

- A. Don't do anything stupid. (Niko, Netherlands)
- B. Work hard and make money. (George, U.S.A)
- C. I would tell myself to not forget what my younger self had wanted. (Ushim, South Africa)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'WHAT'S THE BEST AND HARDEST PART ABOUT BEING YOUR AGE?'

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- A. I have more freedom now, but I also have more responsibility. (Kyra, U.S.A.)
- B. The best part is not having to pay your own bills. The worst part is not having your own money and having to ask for things that you want. (Kim, South Korea)
- C. The best part about being my age is the new intensity of emotions I feel. This is also the hardest part. (Ushim, South Africa)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE RAISING SOMEONE YOUR AGE?

- A. Allow us to make mistakes because through mistakes, we learn. (Pavan, India.)
- B. Let us participate in decision-making. (Milka, Montenegro)
- C. We may frustrate you so much, but we appreciate you more than you know. (Lisa, U.S.A.)

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- A. Geometry. (Liliana, U.S.A)
- B. Ancient civilizations. (Heitor, Brazil)
- C. Insect biology. (Mywangi, Kenya)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

20 WHAT IS CRUCIAL TO LEARN?

- A. How to make money. (Rocky, U.S.A)
- B. I think everyone should learn communication skills. (Angel, U.S.A.)
- C. Planets and galaxies. (Betul, Turkey)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____



'IF YOUR LIFE WERE A MOVIE AND YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THE SOUNDTRACK, WHAT MUSIC WOULD YOU USE?'

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- A. When I am happy: Sweet Child of Mine by Guns and Roses. (George, U.S.A.)
- B. When I fail at something: Begin Again by Zayn. (Sophie, France)
- C. In a tense situation: the Game of Thrones soundtrack. (Milka, Montenegro)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____

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WHAT IS ONE SONG YOU NEVER GET TIRED OF?

- A. Can't Stop the Feeling by Justin Timberlake. (Lilliana, U.S.A)
- B. El Cantante (Xiomarys, Puerto Rico)
- C. Baby Shark (Evan, U.S.A.)

Your Answer _____

Friend or Family Answer _____
