

Topic: Free Choice

Let's get started...

What would you like to talk about today?

Background:

Having a conversation in another language is challenging, but it can also be a wonderful, exciting way to practice the new language. Free conversation allows people to choose what they want to talk about, and to ask questions, share ideas and opinions about things important to each of them. Today, we will practice some free conversation. What about? That is up to you. To get started, let's introduce ourselves: tell a few things about your life and your family, and one thing you want everyone to know about you (a favorite hobby, your job in your native country, a special dream for the future.....).



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

- How long have you lived in the United States? In this area?
- Tell your partner a few things about yourself and your family.
- What is your favorite hobby? Favorite type of music? Sport? Animal? Flower? Color?
- Tell your partner one more thing you want others to know about you.
- What are some things you like to talk about?
- What would you like to talk about today?

Share your partner's answers with the group.

Discussion Questions:

[**Talk Time Facilitator** – After de-briefing the previous activity, work together with the participants to develop a list of discussion questions that the participants decide they would like to talk about. List the questions here, and then divide the group into different pairs than from the previous activity. Give the participants 5 minutes to talk with the new partner. Change partners 3 or 4 more times, until everyone has had a chance to talk one-on-one with everyone else in the group. Then, hold a whole group de-brief, to allow whole group conversation and sharing.]

Questions/topics the group would like to discuss:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

New words and Idioms: List here some of the new words you learned today: _____
