

Great Couple Conversations #7

Roll 2 dice twice to locate a table cell. First roll is vertical and second roll is horizontal. 12 = you choose a number. Or use a deck of cards where you ignore face cards and the ace is 11. Take turns clockwise. If that cell item has already been dialogued, use one from any cell touching the cell of the numbers. Then, answer the question. When a person answers, the other asks curious questions to get to know the partner better, but never to criticize. The process repeats with the other person answering the same question and being asked questions in a curious manner. For the very best results, read the free article "Successful Couple Dialogue" at www.ChurchesReachOut.com.

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	2 & 3	4 & 5	6 & 7	8 & 9	10 & 11	
2 & 3	What would give you a sense of security?	If you could rid the world of one disease, which would you choose?	How crisp do you like your toast? What do you like on it?	How often should the house windows be washed? By whom?	How would you live as a wealthy retired person?	2 & 3
4 & 5	What kind of daydreams do you have regularly?	What is a hilarious gift you gave someone?	What are the desired qualities for paper towels?	What do you think of hospitals?	How often should the house be vacuumed?	4 & 5
6 & 7	What do you first think about when you wake up?	What was the most enjoyable volunteer job you ever had?	If you have been in the hospital, tell about it.	What are the desired qualities for toilet paper?	Where is the favorite place you have ever lived and why?	6 & 7
8 & 9	What do you really think of shopping?	What are some of the things you hope for?	What are the desired qualities for wash rags and towels?	What are some of the things you just cannot put up with?	What is the worst reason you ever gave to miss school or work?	8 & 9
10 & 11	Whose musical concerts would you like to attend?	What are some things you have bought from street vendors?	What do you need more of in your life?	Who could you call at 2 am to help?	What are some of your favorite things to do and with whom?	10 & 11

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2 & 3	If retired with your same income, how would you live?	Describe a favorite thing of art you own.	What is your favorite city?	Which relative would you like to take on a fantastic vacation?	What do you really think of reading?	2 & 3
4 & 5	What makes you feel disconnected?	How would you least like to die?	What kind of jewelry would you like to own?	What kind of real estate would you like to inherit?	How would you run the country?	4 & 5
6 & 7	What side business would you enjoy in your off hours?	What makes you feel depressed or despondent?	What do you think of other people around the globe?	What do you think of war?	Who are a few celebrities you think are losers?	6 & 7
8 & 9	What hours in your life would you like back?	What is a non-lethal invention you would eliminate?	If arrested unjustly, what would you do in jail?	At what age would you start your life over again?	What do you do and eat on the last day of your life?	8 & 9
10 & 11	What are the animals that you would consider were good friends?	How would you like to die?	What living famous person would you like to spend a day with?	For what protest would you like to be thrown in jail?	What makes you feel paralyzed?	10 & 11

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WHAT IS DIALOGUE?

There is probably no finer communication skill than dialogue. Therefore, if you do it, you will build a better and better relationship through understanding and caring.

DIALOGUE IS MERELY ASKING QUESTIONS OF EACH OTHER OUT OF CURIOSITY IN ORDER TO BETTER KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER

Dialogue usually means just asking the questions "Why?" and "What do you mean?" over and over again. When you ask a person a "why" question, it usually opens up a bit of new information about him or her. Another "why" question yields a little more. When a "why" question seems hard to think of, then any simple, friendly, non-judgmental question motivated by curiosity is fine.

Such dialogue helps you find out what others really think and feel. It also helps others find out what you really think and feel.

Understanding and accepting other people – deeper and deeper through dialogue – knowing how others think and feel, as well as what they really mean by what they say, creates much better relationships.

GUIDELINES FOR DIALOGUE

For good dialogue, it is important to follow these ground rules:

1. Answer what is true for you. The other person will try to remember what you said so that she or he can better understand you and treat you better.
2. Listen in order to understand the person talking, not to change him or her.
3. No arguing, criticizing or objecting. People hate to be criticized over things they say. They know what they think and feel, and they consider it absurd and insensitive if others think they know these things better.
4. Ask lots of questions (usually "Why?" or "What do you mean?") to clarify what is being communicated. Other clarifying questions can be: "What?" "What for?" "How?" "When?" "How come?" "Where?" "In what way?" "Can you explain?" "Please tell me more."
5. Refrain from giving advice or breaking in with your own contribution.
6. Let people be themselves, even if they give an answer that you do not agree with or like. Instead of objecting or offering criticism, ask the other persons "Why" questions. This will help you clarify what they are saying, what they think and feel about things, and who they are. People will appreciate your efforts to understand them.
7. Avoid conflict. There are no right or wrong answers. There is just what a person says. He or she will appreciate you for asking about and learning from his or her own words.
8. Solve problems only after much dialogue has produced deeper understanding. Dialogue may expose some differences that might have to be solved. Make a note of those you think might need later discussion and problem-solving. During dialogue, do not bring up problems.