

1 Personalities

Tell your partner about two of the following people:

- somebody you know who is very bad-tempered
- somebody you know who is incredibly absent-minded
- somebody you know who is extremely big-headed
- somebody you know who is rather tight-fisted
- somebody you know who is a bit two-faced

2 Your style

- Do you have a lot of clothes that you never wear?
- Do you prefer wearing plain or patterned clothes?
- Do you consider yourself to be quite trendy?
- What's your favourite items of clothing?
- Where do you tend to buy most of your clothes? Why?
- Do you ever buy clothes online?

3 Your town

- In which part of your town / city do you live? (in the centre, on the outskirts, etc.)
- What do you like best / least about your neighbourhood?
- Are there any famous landmarks or sights in your town?
- Are there any problems with...?
a homeless people b pollution c crime
- If you had to choose one adjective to describe your town what would it be?
- Are you happy living there or would you like to move?

4 Your health

Tell your partner about a time when you or someone you know...

- needed stitches.
- fainted.
- had food poisoning.
- choked on something.
- had an allergic reaction to something.
- twisted their ankle.

5 Music

- When and where do you normally listen to music?
- What kind of music do you listen to?
- Did your parents listen to a lot of music when you were growing up? What kind?
- Is your taste in music similar in any way to your parents'?
- Do you tend to have friends who share your musical tastes?
- If you could be a world-class musician what instrument would you choose to play?

6 The Media

- How up-to-date are you with what's going on in the world?
- Where do you usually get the news from?
- Do you think news reporting in your country is objective or biased?
- What's the biggest story in the news at the moment?
- What kind of reviews do you usually read? Are you influenced by them?

7 Feelings

Tell your partner about a time you felt...

- really disappointed about something.
- a bit homesick.
- very grateful for something someone did for you.
- proud because of something a friend or family member did.
- scared stiff before you had to do something.

8 The weather

Tell your partner about...

- the kind of weather you enjoy.
- the kind of weather you hate.
- the most extreme weather you have ever experienced.
- a holiday, trip, or excursion that was a disaster because of the weather.

9 Crime and punishment

- What are the most common crimes in your town / city?
- Have you or someone you know ever been the victim of a crime?
- What would you do to reduce crime?
- Have you or someone you know ever been on a jury?
- Do you enjoy...?
reading detective novels
watching TV crime series

10 Advertising

Talk about...

- an advert (or TV commercial) you love.
- an advert which really irritates you.
- a brand that has a memorable logo or slogan.
- an advert which made you buy something.