



Security Games - September 2023

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Conversation Games List

1.1 General Small Talk Topics

- These are questions that you can ask to get a conversation started.
- They are great when you are escorting students to different locations.

Some "Small Talk" questions to get you started:

- What classes are you taking this semester?
- Which is your favourite class?
- Who are your teachers?
- What was your middle school?
- Where you part of any clubs or teams in middle school?
- Did you go anywhere this summer? Trips? Camping? Visiting Family? Summer Job?
- Did you go swimming this summer? Hiking? Sports?
- Did you watch any good movies this summer? What was your favourite summer song?
- At IBMC we play a lot of games. What was your favourite playground game when you were little?
- What was your favourite toy when you were little? Do you remember your favourite TV show?

1.2 Would You Rather

- Play with a small subset of your group. The purpose of the game is start talking.
- The leader (or a player after a few games) poses two made-up scenarios – both problematic – to the other players.
- Each player must then choose which situation they would rather, and most importantly, explains WHY.
- Based on the group, you might comment on the player's answer. Others should weigh in with their answer.
- When you are ready, move on to a new question.

Some "Would You Rather" questions to get you started:

1. Would you rather go to the beach or go to the zoo?
2. Would you rather travel back in time or travel to the future?
3. Would you rather know sign language or be able to read lips?

4. Would you rather drink lemonade or cranberry juice?
5. Would you rather get a fun gift or a useful gift?
6. Would you rather never listen to music or never again watch movies?
7. Would you rather live in Antarctica for a year or at the International Space Station for a year?
8. Would you rather be a tiny mouse or a tiny elephant?
9. Would you rather swim in a pool of mud or swim in a pool of macaroni and cheese?
10. Would you rather that your sneezes sounded like a quacking duck or a mooing cow?
11. Would you rather wear a motorcycle helmet all day or sleep with socks and boots on?
12. Would you rather be able to jump as far as a kangaroo or hold your breath as long as a whale?
13. Would you rather it be warm and raining or cold and snowing?
14. Would you rather have your own boat or your own plane?
15. Would you rather wake up with an elephant trunk or a giraffe neck?
16. Would you rather exercise by running or by playing tennis?
17. Would you rather camp in a tent or in a camper?
18. Would you rather name a newly discovered tree or a newly discovered spider?

1.3 Butterfly or Bumblebee?

- One player (say, you) poses a question which is a choice like: “Butterfly or bumblebee?”
- Other players answer with what they feel they are, justifying their response. For example, someone might say they are a bumblebee because they sting and aren’t fatal, and because they are cute and useful. Notice that they don’t answer with what they prefer, instead, they answer with the thing that matches them best.
- The person who poses the question answers last.
- Then, another person poses a question and the game continues.

Some Butterfly or Bumblebee Questions to get you started:

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| 1. Plane or bird? | 6. Tennis or Trampoline? | 11. Trumpet or French horn? |
| 2. Orange or Kiwi? | 7. Geometry or Physics? | 12. Scotch tape or Painter’s tape? |
| 3. Lake or river? | 8. Ballroom or tap dance? | 13. Hermione Granger or Cedric Diggory? |
| 4. Speed skating or hockey? | 9. Bagel or Croissant? | 14. Pumpkin or Cantaloupe? |
| 5. Panda or zebra? | 10. Crayon or Marker? | 15. Purple or Blue? |

1.4 Three Best (or Absolute Best)

- One player names a category, and the others must list their three best experiences with that category and, of course, explain why their experiences were so wonderful.
- For example, if the category is sandwiches, a player might answer wonder bread and peanut butter by the pool because their mom made it, prosciutto crudo on a baguette because they ate it on their first date, and a muffuletta because it’s a sandwich that is the soul of New Orleans.
- Variation: “Absolute Best” – instead of naming three, players name their top experience.
- In three best, the heart of the game is to reveal your past and memories to your fellow players. This is a get to know you / conversation game.

Some “Three Best” Categories to get you started:

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| 1. Three Best Farm Animals | 6. Three Best Childhood Toys | 11. Three Best Hogwarts Characters |
| 2. Three Best Shades of Green | 7. Three Best Breakfast Foods | 12. Three Best Musical Instruments |
| 3. Three Best Board Games | 8. Three Best Children’s Books | 13. Three Best Punctuation Marks |
| 4. Three Best Spices | 9. Three Best Superheroes | 14. Three Best Track and Field events |
| 5. Three Best Musicians | 10. Three Best Summer Olympic Sports | 15. Three Best Bagel Varieties |