

TableTopics

Questions to Start Great Conversations

★★★★☆ (4.5 stars)

Buy this coaching game if you:

- *Want a fun way to spark deep conversations with family and friends*
- *Want to practice your asking skills*
- *Need a gift for the coach in your life*



This well-designed asking game provides a fun, engaging way to bring significant questions into everyday

occasions. I was impressed by the quality of the questions: they are good examples of open, exploratory questions that get you thinking about unusual and interesting things. We had fun playing with this around the dinner table—you pass the cube around, ask a question from one of the cards, and everybody gets a chance to answer.

TableTopics offers several sets of questions for different types of audiences. The [family cube](#) is geared to conversations between kids and adults, and ranges from silly to serious, broaching issues like, ‘what family rule would you most like to change?’ (we once had a ninety-minute conversation with our kids in the car on that one). The [dinner party](#) cube (at left) is geared toward adults, offering ice-breaker questions that go deeper than the usual fair and could be used with new acquaintances as well as old friends. You can treat this like a game and go through the questions quickly, or you may find that one example (like, “what are the most important qualities you look for in friends?”) might spawn a conversation that lasts all evening.



While an occasional question may not work so well in Christian settings (“Do you possess any of the qualities of your astrological sign?”), the vast majority would fit Christian or non-christian groups.

What You’ll Learn

This is a great gift for a coach, or it could be a great entree for beginning a conversation about coaching with friends and family. Have fun!

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