

Expert Conversation Activity

Useful Phrases

When you are the expert:

Starting your topic:

- “One thing I know a lot about is...”
- “I’ve been [doing this] for [X] years...”
- “I started because...”

Giving examples:

- “For example, last [time period], I...”
- “Actually, there are two [things] I really like...”
- “The most important thing I’ve learned is...”

Sharing details:

- “It usually costs around...”
- “The best time to [do something] is...”
- “If you want to try this, you should...”

Adding personal experience:

- “In my experience...”
- “Last time I [did this]...”
- “I’ve found that...”

When you are the interviewer:

Starting the conversation:

- “I heard you know a lot about...”
- “Which topic would you like to discuss?”
- “Could you tell me about your expertise?”

Showing interest:

- “That’s clever! I never thought of...”
- “That sounds wonderful!”
- “I’d like to try that.”

Asking for more details:

- “What made you start [doing this]?”
- “Do you have any recommendations?”
- “Could you give me an example?”
- “How much time do you spend on this?”

Following up:

- “One last question...”
- “Do you have any tips for someone who wants to start?”
- “Maybe we could [do this] sometime?”
- “What’s your favorite...?”

Helpful reactions:

- “That makes sense.”
- “That’s a good tip!”
- “That’s interesting! Have you ever...?”
- “I’ve always wanted to learn about that.”

Changing topics:

- “Now, what topic would you like to share?”
- “What other topics are you an expert in?”
- “Should we move on to your expertise?”