



## **Suggested Topics**

### **Introduction:**

#### **Language questions: (great for beginners)**

- Pronunciation: Work on pronunciation of words.
- Expressions/Idioms: Ask your partner for common expressions/idioms used in his or her language.

### **Country:**

- What is the geography like in your country?
- Population: What are some of the more populated areas in your country? Why?
- What is the weather like in your country/state/city?
- Do many foreigners live in your country? From which nation do these foreigners or immigrants come?
- What do you know about the population in California?

### **Culture:**

- Movies, TV, theater (What movie/TV show/type of theater do you like to watch?)
- What's your favorite type of music? What's your favorite song?
- Are you interested in art? What kind of art do you like?
- What are some festivals or holidays you celebrate in your country?
- Talk about some interesting customs or traditions you have in your country or family.
- Do people in your country have blind dates?
- Do people in your country hire baby sitters? Were you ever a baby sitter?

### **Traveling:**

- Where have you traveled?
- What has been your favorite place to visit? Why?
- Have you ever been on a tour? What did you like/dislike about it?
- Think of a time you traveled to another country, what are some rules that pedestrians and drivers should know? What are the driving conditions like?
- What types of transportation did you use when you traveled to another country? How much did transportation cost?
- Where did you stay? (A hotel? A relative's home? Etc.)
- What kinds of fashion did you see? What did people wear? What were the current trends of that time? Would you wear it?

### **Food:**

- What is your favorite kind of food? (Mexican, Italian, Chinese, etc) What is your favorite dish?
- What is your favorite restaurant? Why? Your least favorite? Why?
- Do you like to eat fast food? What's your favorite?

### **School:**

- What is your major?
- What classes are you taking this quarter? Are there classes you would like to recommend?
- What's the worst class you've ever taken? Why?
- Are you involved in any De Anza clubs or student organizations? If so, which clubs? What does the club or organization do (volunteer, promote activism, educate the public about pressing issues, etc)
- In your country, is there a difference between a college and a university?
- What is the application process for applying to a university or college in your country? (entrance exams, interviews, etc.)

And some more topics: great/famous people, sports, history, medicine, hobbies, pets, jobs and careers, election, shopping, superstitions, news.