

Sample ESL Questions and Structure Drills

Source: <http://iteslj.org/questions/>

How often do you....?

- How often do you eat fast food?
- How often do you buy clothes?
- How often do you go to the doctor?
- How often do you say "I Love you" to your parents? to your partner? to your kids?
- How often do you read?

What if...?

- If you had only 24 hours to live, what would you do?
- If you could move anywhere, where would you like to live?
- If you found a suitcase full of \$1,000,000, what would you do?
- If you saw a robbery, would you report it?
- If you were the President of the United States, what problem or concern would you work on first?

When did you...?

- When did you first drive a car?
- When did you first travel to another country?
- When did you first ride a bicycle?
- When did you first cook?

When was the last time you...?

- When was the last time you went shopping?
- When was the last time you traveled by train?
- When was the last time you cleaned your room?
- When was the last time you danced?
- When was the last time you got a gift?

How long have you....?

- How long have you lived in this country?
- How long have you lived in this city/town?
- How long have you lived in your apartment/house?
- How long have you known your best friend?
- How long have you had your car? Your cat/ dog?

Would you ever ?

- Would you ever donate blood?
- Would you ever donate a kidney or another vital organ to save other person's life?
- Would you ever give money to a charity?
- Would you ever consider getting plastic surgery?
- Would you ever spank your child?

Would you rather...?

- Would you rather be rich or poor?
- Would you rather be short or tall?
- Would you rather be a man or a woman?
- Would you rather go to California or New York?
- Would you rather live in an apartment building or a house?

Sample ESL Conversation Questions

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Weather:

- Do you like snow? Do you like rain?
- What's your favorite season and why?
- What's the average temperature in your country in the summer time? How about in the winter?
- What is the best season to get married?
- Have you ever been caught in bad weather? If so, what did you do?

Pets:

- Do you have a dog or cat? Which do you like more, dogs or cats?
- Why do people keep dogs or cats? Why do some people do NOT keep dogs?
- What are some good names for dogs or cats?
- What are cats like?

Food:

- Are you a good cook?
- Are you a vegetarian?
- Do you always have lunch? What do you usually have for lunch?
- Do you often eat out? What are your favorite places to eat?
- Do you like deep fried food or steamed food?
- What is the food in country like?

Free time

- Do you like to play computer games in your free time?
- When do you have free time?
- Where do you spend your free time?
- Do you know any good places to hang out? Why are they good?
- Do men and women spend their free time in your country differently? How?

TV and Movies

- Do you like to watch TV? What are your favorite programs or shows on TV?
- Do you like to watch news or movies?
- Do you like to watch TV programs and movies in English or in your native language?
- Who are your favorite movie actors?
- What kinds of movies do you NOT like?

Books

- Do you like books?
- Do you read books in English or in your native language?
- What are your favorite kinds of books?
- Who are your favorite authors/ writers?
- Do you read books to your children? If yes, then how often?
- Do you buy books or do you borrow them from a library?