

Chaplain's Spot

'Conversation starters'

One of the very important characteristics of a student is to question. Let the students ask questions.[A.P.J. Abdul Kalam]



Asking questions is indeed one of the ways in which we learn. One of the resources I like to use is the 'The Art Of Conversation' cards. This is a fun way to help students build connection with others, through the simple practice of asking questions.

I have given a few examples below for you to try with your family and friends. As you use them, see how long you can spend on a particular question, by both people answering it, and then asking more questions about the answers of the other person. I am sure you will enjoy exploring the questions together.

- 1] "Use one word to describe yourself"
- 2] "Tell me about your first friend".
- 3] "What is your favourite song?"
- 4] "Who do you admire?"
- 5] "What would you most like to change in the world?"
- 6] "What place would you most like to visit?"

Perhaps make up your own questions, as funny or serious as you like. When you're comfortable with the fun questions, you might feel ready to tackle more important issues as well.

Try 'The Art Of Conversation' cards on Google. When I recently looked, they were available from Booktopia, Amazon and on eBay.

Quote of the week: "Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters."

Margaret Wheatley

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