

# Conversation topics:

## Education and work experience

The system of education in this country/your country.

Describe the course of your studies at the university.

What work opportunities have you had? Who/what influenced your choice of career?

## Health and Fitness

What do you think are the main principles in maintaining good health?

Why are alternative therapies popular?

Do you believe that alternative therapies work? Why? / Why not?

## Changing cities

Why do people move to cities? How do cities change to accommodate people who move there?

Think of a city you know well. How has it changed?

Which factors do you think are essential in selecting the worlds' 10 best cities to live in?

## **Environmental issues**

What do you think are the main environmental issues nowadays?

Global food crisis: what do you think are the causes of this problem worldwide?

What do you think of biofuels?

## **Global culture**

What do you think that global culture means? Give some examples.

Are we moving toward a global culture?

What are the possible advantages and disadvantages of cultural globalization?

## **History and heritage**

What travel and holiday opportunities have you had?

What kind of holiday is your favorite?

What do you consider the best means of transport?

### **Developments in architecture**

Which interesting examples of architectural works can you think of?

What airports have you been to? What types of buildings did you notice there? What facilities were there for passengers?

Try to define a skyscraper. Why do you think people want to build such tall buildings? What do you think is a green skyscraper?

### **The sports industry**

Describe your favorite sports activity?

Do you like watching sports?

Which sports have the most sponsorship? Why?

### **Conferences, meetings, giving a presentation**

Describe a conference you have attended/helped to organize.

Describe a presentation you have given.

What makes an excellent presentation and a good speaker?

## **Technological advances, communication technologies**

How has communication changed in recent decades?

Which ways of communication do you prefer?

What impact do newspapers, radio, film, and television have on society and you personally? How does it influence your opinion on a subject?

## **Recommended literature:**

HARRISON, Richard a Series editors: Liz and John SOARS. *Academic skills: listening, speaking, and study skills*. 1st published. Oxford, [England]: Oxford University Press, 2011. ISBN 978-019-4741-583