



## A. Conversation Questions

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- 1 What comes to your mind when you hear the word listening?
- 2 Do you think listening is easy? Why or why not?
- 3 Why do some (or most) people find it hard to listen?
- 4 Do you think listening to other people is important? Why or why not?
- 5 Do you think people nowadays still know how to listen?
- 6 What do you think is the difference between listening and hearing?
- 7 How would the world be like if everyone is talking and nobody's listening?

- 8 In your own opinion, what do people need to do to learn the art or importance of listening?
- 9 How does it feel when somebody listens to you?
- 10 Was there ever time when you listened more than you talked? How did it feel?

### A. Comment on the following quotes

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- 1 Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.  
- Stephen R. Covey
- 2 When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen. -Ernest Hemingway
- 3 There's a lot of difference between listening and hearing. - G.K.Chesterton
- 4 The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood.  
The best way to understand people is to listen to them. - Ralph G. Nichols
- 5 "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."  
-Bryant H. McGill
- 6 "We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less." -Diogenes
- 7 "Listening looks easy, but it's not simple. Every head is a world." -Cuban Proverb
- 8 "Man's inability to communicate is a result of his failure to listen effectively." -Carl Rogers
- 9 "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."  
-Winston Churchill
- 10 "There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves." -Albert Guinon