

# CONVERSATION DISCUSSION

## STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'conversation'?
- 2) People say conversation is an art. Do you think so?
- 3) What topics of conversation do you enjoy most?
- 4) What's the longest telephone conversation you've ever had?
- 5) Do you like listening to other people's conversations?
- 6) Have you ever overheard a conversation you wish you hadn't?
- 7) Who in life do you find it difficult to strike up a conversation with?
- 8) What common conversation starters do you use?
- 9) Oscar Wilde said: "Conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative." What does this mean? Do you agree with him?
- 10) A Chinese proverb says: "A single conversation across the table with a wise person is worth a month's study of books." Do you agree?

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## STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Are you good at small talk and making conversation?
- 2) When was the last time you had a really, really interesting conversation?
- 3) Do you like intelligent conversation?
- 4) What do you think of your English conversation classes and study books?
- 5) Are you OK at everyday conversation in English?
- 6) How do you feel when people interrupt you in the middle of an important conversation?
- 7) If you were a fly on the wall, which conversation in history would you like to listen to?
- 8) What do you do when you hear your name pop up in other people's conversations?
- 9) Someone once said: "Conversation is an exercise of the mind; gossip is merely an exercise of the tongue." What does this mean? Do you agree?
- 10) Robert C. Gallagher said: "Anyone who thinks the art of conversation is dead ought to tell a child to go to bed." What does this mean? Do you agree?

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