



creative conversation

questions

To help you get some interesting conversations started, we've listed a whole variety of different questions here. They've been marked with Chilli Peppers to show the intensity of the question – the more Chillis, the more sensitive and discerning you will need to be when asking the questions which follow. 

The questions aren't in any particular order, so feel free to flip through and choose ones that interest you. Use one or two each date, and take your time to plumb the depths of each question.

It may help you to occasionally refer back to the study titled "Communication: Understanding" for some tips on listening well, so that you both enjoy safe and meaningful conversations together.

Have fun and enjoy discovering each other!

Likes / Dislikes



1. Favourite animal to have as a pet?
2. Name the clothing store you shop at the most.
↳ Why do you keep going back?
3. Name your two favourite colours and why.
4. What's a movie that you can watch over and over, and why?

184. If you could go to Disneyland with any celebrity alive today, who would it be?
185. Which game show would you participate in, and what would you hope to win?
186. If you could have a super power, what would it be?
187. What's the worst infomercial you have ever seen?
188. What's on the cover of your address book or year planner?
189. If money and time weren't an issue, what would you most like to do?

5. What sound or noise do you really like?
 - ↳ What do you like about it?
6. What music do you listen to the most?
7. When listening to a song, do you notice the music or the lyrics first?
8. Do you like to read?
 - ↳ If so, what's your favourite book, and why?
9. What is your favourite word?
 - ↳ Least favourite?
10. Do you like kids? Why or why not?
11. Who's your favourite Muppet / Sesame Street character?
12. What website do you visit the most, and why?
13. What's your favourite tree?
14. What's your favourite season?
15. When is the most enjoyable time of day for you?

16. Do you prefer to be indoors or outdoors?

- ↳ rain or sun?
- ↳ beach or mountains?
- ↳ long grass or short?
- ↳ sunrise or sunset?
- ↳ coffee or chocolate?
- ↳ movies or TV?

17. Do you like exercising?

- ↳ Which form of exercise is your favourite?

18. What's your favourite knock-knock joke?

19. Do you eat breakfast?

- ↳ Which breakfast food do you like best?

20. If I could make your ideal meal, what would it be?

21. What is perhaps the worst movie you've seen?

- ↳ *Variation:* ...favourite movie as a kid, in High School, at Uni, as an adult, and then worst in each category

22. Do you like sports?

- ↳ Do you prefer to play or watch? Why?

Just For Fun



174. If you could live in any home on a television series, which home would it be?

175. What's the longest you've gone without sleep?

- ↳ What were the side effects?

176. What was your most recent trip of more than 100 kilometres?

177. What's the best bargain you've ever found at a garage sale or op shop?

178. What's the most interesting biography you've read?

179. What do you order when you eat Chinese food?

180. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and what would you do there?

181. What did you have for lunch yesterday?

182. Which do you use more often, the dictionary or the thesaurus?

183. Have you ever taken dance lessons?

Honouring Each Other



168. One incident I remember that made me appreciate you more was...
169. What evidences of grace do you see in others at church that have been encouraging to you?



170. Some qualities I most admire in you are...
171. Some ways I have seen you grow in the past few months are...
172. Some qualities I see in you that I would like to cultivate in my own life are...
173. You have helped me love God more, grow in character, and worship God more in these specific ways...



23. Would you rather have spontaneity or stability in your life right now? Why?
24. When you die, would you rather be buried, cremated, or sent into space? Why?
25. Which people do you most admire?
↳ How do each of them inspire you?

Spiritual



26. How did you come to Christ?
27. Which books of the Bible do you read most often? Why?
28. What is your favourite way to pray?
29. Do you like to sing in church? Why or why not?
30. What do you love most about your relationship with God?



31. What have you learned about God's character this past year?
 - ↳ What about your own character?
32. What really helps you to grow in your walk with God?
33. What's the one thing you would never want God to ask you to do?
 - ↳ What would you do if He asked?

156. Do I ever joke about things you wish I wouldn't?
157. Do I ever joke at times you think are inappropriate?
158. What do you think we argue about most, big stuff or little stuff?
159. What things can you always count on me for?
160. Have I ever done anything to 'take the wind out of your sails'?
161. Which aspects of me do you most appreciate?
162. Do you ever feel I'm being too critical with you?
 - ↳ If so, how?
163. How can I show love for you in a way that makes you feel loved?



164. Have you ever had your heart broken?
165. If you wrote a journal entry about our last date, what would it say?
166. What do I do or say that really bugs you?
167. Is there anything that you feel we have a hard time discussing?
 - ↳ Why do you think it's so difficult for us to talk about?

Thoughts on Relationships / Boundaries



148. Who was your first boy/girlfriend?

↳ What did you like about him/her?

149. Name three things I do for you that brighten your day?

150. What kind of gestures can I make to let you know how much I'm thinking of you?

151. When did you first notice me? What was the attraction?



152. What would be some of the things you would NOT tolerate in a relationship?

153. To you, what is an ideal relationship?

154. What are you looking for from this relationship?

155. Do you consider me an optimist or pessimist?

↳ How do you feel about that?

34. What's one area or thing in your life you are most encouraged about or thankful for?

35. What has God been teaching you lately?

36. How can I help you grow in your walk with God?

37. In what way would you like to grow in your faith this year?



38. What area of recent growth in your life are you most encouraged about?

39. Do you ever struggle to live the Christian life?

↳ If so, how?

40. Where do you most struggle with unbelief right now?

↳ Alternatively: fear, rebellion, anger, self-sufficiency

41. What have you experienced in life that helps you to believe there is a loving God?

↳ Has anything ever happened to you that has caused you to doubt that?

42. What things in your life distract you from Jesus? What are you doing about them?

Passion/Hobbies



43. What do you really enjoy doing (or what are your favourite ways to spend your free time)?
44. What is relaxing to you?
45. Favourite ways of relieving stress?
46. If money and time were no object, which hobby would you pursue?



47. What hobbies did you have as a kid?
↳ Do you still follow them? Why or why not?
48. In a room full of people talking around you, what topics / phrases would catch your ear or cause you to listen in?

X-Ray of the Heart



142. What are you preoccupied with? What is the first thing on your mind in the morning and the last thing on your mind at night?
143. How would you complete this statement: "If only _____, then I would be happy, fulfilled and secure"?
144. When a certain desire is not met, do you feel frustration, anxiety, resentment, bitterness, anger or depression?
145. What is your greatest source of frustration right now?
↳ Have you achieved victory in your attitude?



146. Where do you put your trust?
147. Is there something you desire so much that you are willing to disappoint or hurt others in order to have it?

Reflection



134. In what ways have you changed in the past year?
135. In the past 6 months, what has been your most encouraging experience?
↳ What has been your most discouraging experience?
136. What is currently a source of stress for you? Why?
↳ Is there anything I can do to help alleviate it?
137. What have you been asking God for in prayer recently?



138. Do you like yourself? Why or why not?
139. What is your most difficult pressure or challenge at present?
140. What is your greatest joy?
141. What things make you cry?
↳ What has caused you to cry most recently?

Past/Memories



49. Where were you born?
50. Have you ever had to have an operation?
↳ If so, what was it for?
51. What makes you laugh out loud?
52. When was the last time you laughed uncontrollably?
↳ What set you off?
53. Did you have an imaginary friend as a child?
54. What's the best costume you've ever worn?
55. What's the sickest you've ever been?
56. What did you do for your 13th birthday?
57. What's the longest time you've spent waiting in a line?
↳ Was what you waited for worth it?
58. What do you remember about learning to drive?

59. What's the most memorable class you've ever taken? Why?

60. Have you moved house a lot in your life?

↳ What were the best and worst things about it?



61. What is the best thing that's ever happened to you?

62. Do you have a favourite childhood memory?

63. What was your most fulfilling moment this year?

64. What kind of personality did you have as a kid?

↳ How has that changed as you've grown up?

65. Did you enjoy high school for the most part?

66. Describe your favourite primary school teacher.

↳ What made them stand out for you?

67. Describe something that's happened to you for which you have no explanation.

Opinions



128. Do you enjoy following politics? Why or why not?

129. Do you believe it's important to be involved in your local community? Why or why not?

↳ If so, how are you, or how would you like to be, involved?



130. Are there any issues in the world or in your community you feel strongly about?

↳ Why does it strike a chord in your heart?

↳ How are you acting out your convictions?

131. How important is money to you, and why?

132. What are your concepts of having enough to live on?

133. Do you have any convictions on the roles on men and women in society?

↳ How about the roles of children, the elderly, the disabled, the poor, the wealthy?



120. Are your parents still together?
121. What's the best advice your parents have ever given you?
122. As you were growing up, what was unique about your family as compared to other families in your neighbourhood, or families of your friends?
123. Are any of your friends at different life stages to you (Uni, married, with kids, single, on O.E.)?
- ↳ Do you find it more difficult to connect with them, or no problems?
124. What are some ways you'd like to improve your relationship with your family?



125. Complete the sentence, "I'm sure Mum and Dad wished I would have ..."
126. Do you feel at home in your family?
127. What's the most memorable thing a friend has ever said to you?



68. What has been the toughest experience of your life?
69. Of all you've done in your life, what has made you feel the most proud?
70. Have you ever lost anyone you loved?
71. Have you ever been in love?
- ↳ What was that experience like for you?
72. Have you ever come close to death?
- ↳ What went through your mind?

Future



73. If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?

74. What would your dream house be like?



75. What are your goals for the next year or two?

76. What one thing could you do (that you aren't doing now), that if you did on a regular basis, would make a tremendous positive difference in your life?

77. What are your ambitions for life?



78. What do you want to be remembered for?

79. Are you ever frightened about the future?

↳ If so, what frightens you?

Friends and Family



113. Do you have any siblings? How many?

114. What do you love about your family and what drives you up the wall?

115. Do you prefer a small gathering of friends or large parties?

↳ Which do you find more refreshing or relaxing?

↳ Which do you find more fun?

116. What are your family traditions?

↳ Which is your favourite?

117. What current friend have you known the longest?

↳ Why has the friendship lasted so long?

118. Name someone you can tell just about anything to?

119. Do you have a mentor?

Where were you when...



103. ...The clock struck midnight, New Years Eve 1999?
104. ...September 11, 2001 happened?
105. ...Princess Diana died?
106. ...The 2004 Tsunami hit?
107. ...Heath Ledger died?
108. ...Peter Blake won the America's Cup?
109. ...The Lord of the Rings premiered?
110. ...Michael Jackson died?
111. ...When the February 22nd earthquake struck Christchurch 2011?
112. ...When Prince William married Kate?

Personality / characteristics



80. How many languages can you speak and what are they?
 - ↳ Which language would you most like to be able to speak?
81. Are you a touchy-feely person, or do you prefer to have some space?
82. On a scale of 1 to 5, how organized are you?
83. Do you have any phobias?
84. Do you like your name? Why or why not?
85. What nicknames have you had?
 - ↳ Which ones did you like best?
 - ↳ Which ones did you like least?
86. Are you a heavy or light sleeper?
87. Are you a morning person, or a night owl, or somewhere in the middle?
 - ↳ Would you change it if you could?

88. Do you tend to remember your dreams?
↳ Describe one of the most vivid dreams you can recall.

89. Do you daydream?
↳ What do you daydream about?

90. What is the best compliment I could give you?



91. Do you trust easily?

92. What inspires you creatively, spiritually or emotionally?
↳ What kills that inspiration?

93. What is your strongest area of leadership?
↳ What's your weakest?

94. Has there been a particular movie that has changed your point of view? How and why?

95. Have you ever been afraid of opening up to someone? Why?
↳ What moved you past that fear?

96. What's the habit you're proudest of breaking?
↳ What about the habit you're proudest of making?

97. Where do you go for advice?

98. What is your greatest motivation for getting up every day and going to work / school?

99. What kind of questions do you most like to be asked of you?

100. Do you feel like you're harder on yourself when you make a mistake than you need to be? How?



101. Have you made choices in your life you regret?
↳ What were they and how do you deal with that?

102. If you could change something about yourself, what would it be and why?