

Indirect questions extended speaking practice

Choose one of the topics below and tell a true personal story about one experience of that thing. Your partner(s) will listen and ask questions to get more details, using suitable indirect question starters for difficult questions, very personal questions, etc. Then take turns doing the same, making sure you use question starters like those in the box when it is your turn to listen and respond.

Suggested follow-up question starters

- Could I ask...?
- Can I check...?
- I was wondering...
- Do you know...?
- Do you remember...?
- I'd love to know...
- Can you tell me...?
- Can you explain...?

Extended speaking topics

- something in my home
- some DIY/ some decorating
- a meal
- a dish
- something that I love/ like
- something that I dislike/ hate
- a complaint (that I received/ that I made)
- an argument/ a disagreement (with my family/ with.../ about...)
- a problem (at work)
- some bad parenting
- an injury
- some misbehaviour/ being naughty
- a crime
- when I quit something/ when I left something
- a(n unfair) decision
- some cheating
- contact with an ex(-boyfriend/-girlfriend/-husband/-wife)
- a (disastrous) meeting/ date/ party
- a(n) (frightening) experience
- an accident
- a sports game/ match
- this weekend
- a near miss
- a documentary
- a relative/ a relation
- a flight
- when I (first) met...
- my last day off