

## Conversation Circles

**Grade:** GESE Grade 5 (CEFR B1)

**Exam task focus:**

- ▶ To enter into conversation, express personal opinions and exchange information on topics of personal interest
- ▶ To describe experiences and events and give reasons and explanations for opinions.
- ▶ To show understanding by responding appropriately to questions
- ▶ To build confidence by developing strategies to maintain the conversation

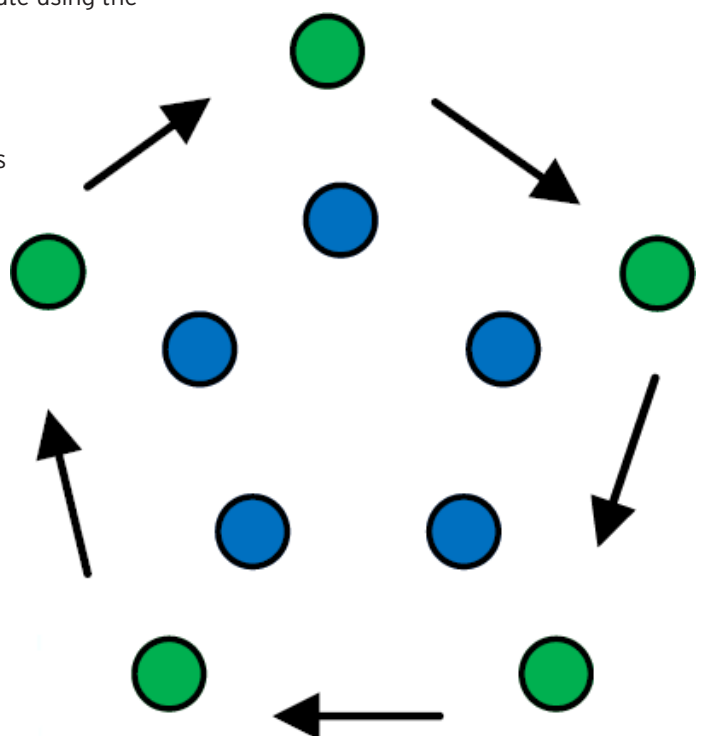
**Resources:**

- ▶ Question prompt cards
- ▶ Music

'Conversation Circles' is a fun and adaptable communicative activity. It is a way of organising students to interact with their classmates by sharing and elaborating on information. This version is for practising the present perfect and past simple.

### Procedure

1. Divide the class into two groups, A and B.
2. For larger classes, students could be divided into two smaller groups of As and Bs. Invite Group A to form a circle facing outwards and Group B to form a larger circle facing inwards.
3. You now have an inner circle A and an outer circle B, with students who are facing each other.
4. Distribute the question prompts to the students in the inner circle. Explain that they will have to ask the question to the person facing them.
5. Tell the students that you will play some music and that students in the outer circle must move clockwise until the music stops.
6. Now students in the inner circle start the conversation using the prompt on the card. The students must maintain the exchange for 1 minute using the follow-up questions on the prompt card.
7. After 1-minute repeat from step 3. Continue this process until students have had at least 3–4 different conversations.
8. Ask students A and B to swap positions so that everyone gets a turn to ask and answer questions.



## Conversation Circles – Prompt cards

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Have you ever done any extreme sports? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ Which sport?
- ▶ Where did you do the sport?
- ▶ Did you like it?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Why not?
- ▶ Do you know anyone who has done any extreme sports?
- ▶ What is your favourite sport and why?

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Have you ever done any arts and crafts? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ What kind?
- ▶ Did you attend a course first?
- ▶ When did you do it?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Why not?
- ▶ Do you know anyone who has done arts and crafts?
- ▶ What are your hobbies?

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Have you ever visited a foreign country? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ Who did you go with?
- ▶ Why did you go there?
- ▶ What was the weather like?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Have you visited many other parts of your country?
- ▶ Where did you go on your last summer holidays?
- ▶ What was the best thing about this holiday?

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Have you ever won a competition? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ When did you win it?
- ▶ What did you win?
- ▶ How did you win?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Do you know anyone who has ever won something? (A quiz/ a lucky dip/...)
- ▶ Do you like taking part in competitions?
- ▶ Do you think you are a lucky person?

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Have you ever been camping? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ Where did you go?
- ▶ What did you like best?
- ▶ What did you eat?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Why not?
- ▶ Can you tell me something positive about camping?
- ▶ Do you know anyone who has been camping?

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Have you ever tried rock climbing? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ Who did you go with?
- ▶ Why did you choose this sport?
- ▶ What was the weather like?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Why not?
- ▶ Have you ever tried a different adventurous sport?
- ▶ Do you prefer individual or team sports?

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Have you ever eaten a very exotic dish? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ What did you eat?
- ▶ When did you eat it?
- ▶ Who were you with?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Why not?
- ▶ What's your favourite dish?
- ▶ Do you like food from other countries?

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Have you ever taken part in a charity event? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ What did you do?
- ▶ When did you do it?
- ▶ What was the best thing about this experience?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Why not?
- ▶ Do you know anyone who has taken part in charity event?
- ▶ Have you ever seen an event, such as a charity marathon run, on TV?

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Have you visited more than two capital cities? If answer is 'Yes'

- ▶ Which cities did you visit?
- ▶ Who did you go with?
- ▶ What did you like best and why?

If answer is 'No'

- ▶ Have you visited different cities in this country?
- ▶ How did you travel there?
- ▶ Who did you go with?