**How To Make Your Conversation Meaningful**

Conversation skills are an essential part of communication. Every time you talk, you reveal a part of yourself to someone and from this; they will either have a positive or negative view of your personality. It is not only the words that you say that is important in a conversation because even how you say it is important.

You should always sound sincere and precise but remember to let your thoughts and feelings be known. You should also take care not to hurt anyone’s feelings without meaning to in the way you speak and what you say.

Here are some guidelines on how to make some interesting conversation and how to have the proper conversation etiquette.

* Look directly at the person you are talking to especially if you have never met before.
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* Remember to call the person by their names when you are talking to them because this will make them feel more special.
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* You should ask questions to clear out the things you do not understand.
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* Always stick to a particular subject if it is important.
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* Do not jump from one subject to another if the other person clearly wants to talk about a particular topic.
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* If you disagree with another person’s opinion then it is alright to say so but you need to voice out your dissent politely.

There are also some things you should not do in a meaningful conversation. For example, it is impolite to fidget and let your eyes wander off when someone is talking to you. And don’t interrupt a person who is talking because you also would not like to be interrupted while you are talking, right? You should also not listen to conversations when you are not included. Take note not to ask personal questions if you and the person you are not talking to are new acquaintances, this also holds true for personal friends if they are not open to answering personal issues you may be wondering about.

Other things you should avoid in a conversation is *bragging*, *gossiping*, and *whining*. These three habits will just annoy the person you are talking to. Also, you should never whisper in front of another person because it comes across as rude and the person may think that you are talking about him. In addition, don’t stare when you are in a conversation because it can make the other person feel uncomfortable around you. Avoid arguing too if you can help it especially if the things you want to argue about are not that important.

The phrases you were taught in kindergarten are also applicable up to this day. For example, saying “*thank you*”, “*excuse me*”, and “*sorry*” are still very much appreciated by the people you talk to. And likewise, it will be hard to deny that you do not feel respected when other people talk to you this way. So use these phrases when it is applicable and use it as much as you can.

But perhaps most importantly, you should first develop your listening skills before you can really master the art of having meaningful conversations with other people. People will feel appreciated and special when others take time to listen to their thoughts and opinions. You will benefit too because you will learn a lot from a person in the way he speaks and the things he says.

It is not only the words that is being said that is important in a meaningful conversation, you should also look at the other person’s body language when he is speaking so that you will be able to comprehend exactly what the other person is driving at. You should always pay attention to the person who is talking when he is speaking to have a meaningful conversation. Remember to ask questions too because the person you are talking to will be flattered that you are curious enough to ask. You should even ask for another person’s opinion on certain things if you believe that he knows about the topic. This will enrich both of your conversation because he will get the chance to talk longer while you will have the information you wanted to know about.

By doing these, you will likewise be rewarded with a companion who will also listen to your thoughts and opinions. Ultimately, this act of sharing and listening are the ingredients that make for meaningful conversations.