Conversation With A Stranger

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1. Is it hard to start a conversation with a stranger?

→ No, it's not a problem to me, honestly. You know, I'm an **extrovert**[1] and so, when meeting new people, I'm always the person who **breaks the ice**[2] and **strikes up a conversation.**[3]

[1]**An extrovert** /ˈek.strə.vɜːt/: một người hướng ngoại
Ví dụ: Most sales people are extroverts.

[2]**To break the ice:** nói chuyện một cách thoải mái, cởi mở với người mới gặp lần đầu tiên
Break /breɪk/: Phá vỡ
Ice /aɪs/: băng đá
Ví dụ: Someone suggested that we play a party game to break the ice.

[3]**To strike up a conversation:** bắt chuyện
Conversation /ˌkɒn.vəˈseɪ.ʃən/: cuộc hội thoại
Ví dụ: It's easy to strike up a conversation with someone when you're traveling.

2. Do you normally carry on a conversation with strangers?

→ Well, it depends. I mean, if the person is **approachable**[4] and he or she can **leave a good impression**[5] on me, then I will absolutely spend more time talking. Otherwise, it would be pretty **awkward**[6] to hold a conversation with a guy who is unwilling to let people **get to know**[7] him.

[4]**Approachable** /ˈprəʊ.tʃə.bəl/: thân thiện và dễ bắt chuyện
Ví dụ: Graham's always very approachable.

[5]**To leave a good impression on someone:** để lại một ấn tượng tốt cho ai đó
Impression /ɪmˈpreʃ.ən/: Ấn tượng
Ví dụ: She leave a good impression on us.

[6]**Awkward** /ˈɔː.kwəd/: cảm giác ngượng nghịu
Ví dụ: Some of the questions were rather awkward.

[7]**Get to know someone:** làm quen và tìm hiểu về ai đó
Ví dụ: The first couple of meetings are for the doctor and patient to get to know each other.

3. Are you afraid of being evaluated when you meet someone for the first time?

→ Honestly speaking, I don't really mind. I try not to think about it much because actually, how I'm perceived by others is not as important as how I value myself.

Mở rộng

Chủ đề tương tự: Friends/ relatives/ celebrities (part I)/ nhóm chủ đề tả người (part II)

- Các từ vựng trên có thể được dùng để diễn tả về tính cách của một người

Ví dụ: What kinds of people do you like to make friends with?
Well, anyone who is approachable can leave a very good impression on me. If I find him/ her interesting, I would be ready to get to know and make friends with that person.

- Mở rộng cho câu trả lời ở part II

Ví dụ: Describe an interesting conversation you had with someone
I do remember a time when I had to talk to a complete stranger. It was around 5 years ago, on my very first trip to Ho Chi Minh City. It was just a short moment but I still remember that I was the one who broke the ice and struck up the conversation...

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Opinions/ideas

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1. When children should have their own ideas/ opinions?

→ Well, I suppose that children should be encouraged to form their own ideas when they start school. At that time, kids can not always **be reliant on**[1] their parents so it's necessary to develop the ability to think for themselves and even make their own decisions in some cases.

[1]**To be reliant on someone/ something:** phụ thuộc vào ai/ cái gì
Reliant /rɪˈlaɪ.ənt/: dựa dẫm
Ví dụ: The project is reliant on volunteers.

2. What are the benefits when children have their own ideas/opinions?

→ An obvious advantage is that children will become more independent. Well, it's true that there will not always be someone to guide or tell them what to do; therefore, developing their own ways of thinking will gradually help kids find solutions to their own problems later on.

3. What are the responsibilities of teachers to help children develop their ideas/opinions?

→ Well, quite a tough question since I don't usually spend time with children or teach them actually. But I guess the best way is to ask questions and **give prompts**[2] or examples so that they can **spark ideas**[3] themselves. On top of that, teachers also need to encourage them and let them be creative.

[2]**To give prompts** /gɪv prompts/: đưa ra gợi ý
Ví dụ: Adults give prompts or hints to enable children to respond.

[3]**To spark idea** /spɑːk aɪˈdɪə/ : nảy ra ý tưởng
Ví dụ: They spark ideas for stories.

4. Do you think children are taught to have the same ideas with their parents?

→ Honestly, I don't agree with that. You know, there are always differences between generations. I mean, children are influenced by other people rather than just their parents and they will definitely have their own **perspective**[4] on life. Sometimes, they may **come up with**[5] different ideas from their parents, so forcing kids to think like adults only limits their imagination and creativity.

[4]**Perspective** /pəˈspek.tɪv/: Góc nhìn, quan điểm
Ví dụ: Her attitude lends a fresh perspective to the subject

[5]**To come up with:** nghĩ ra (ý tưởng)
Ví dụ: She's come up with some amazing scheme to double her income.

Mở rộng

Chủ đề tương tự: Describe a person who has interesting ideas or opinions (part II)

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