

COLLEGE CONVERSATIONS

PERSONALITY

Are any of your teachers an easy grader? A hard grader?

FREQUENCY

How often do you get stressed out?

DURATION

How long can you study without taking a break?

COMPARISON

What is your easiest class? Why? Your hardest class?

EMOTIONS

How do you relax after a hard test? After a bad grade?

LAST/NEXT

What did you do last night? What time did you go to bed?

Are you an idea person or a detail person?

How often do you miss an easy question on a test because you were too lazy to think?

What is the longest you ever slept?

What is your hardest school day? Why? Your easiest day?

What causes you stress? (Other than your last haircut.)

What did you do last winter vacation? What will you do this coming vacation?

Are you a joiner or a loner? Do you belong to a club?

How often do you stay up all night studying? Drinking? Complaining?

What is the longest flight you ever took?

Do you prefer a Korean professor or native speakers?

What is your biggest pet peeve? (I hate waiting in line.)

What did you do last weekend? On Saturday? Sunday?

Do you have a long or short attention span?

How often do you make the highest grade in the class?

How long can you stay mad at someone?

Do you prefer male or female professors? Older or younger?

Do you get nervous before a presentation?

What will you do after school? What time will you get home?

Kind of. For example? Sort of. How so? Sometimes. When exactly? It depends. For example? Half and half. How so?

all the time, pretty often usually, not too often rarely, never, when pigs fly once a day, week, month twice a year, three times

I studied FOR two hours I USED TO, but not anymore. IN 2 weeks, 2 months AGO DURING the week ON the weekends

easier - harder more lenient - strict more interesting - boring more, most casual - formal more, less homework

thrilled, very happy mellow, calm, relaxed nervous, worried bummed, depressed ticked off, angry, furious

Two weeks ago, In two weeks I will definitely I have tentative plans I will probably, I might I want to but I can't. No way.

Say what? Really? Me too! Wow Cool Awesome You're kidding Bummer No way When pigs fly Whatever Anyway
Kind of Sometimes Half and half It depends WHERE? WHEN? WHO? WHY? HOW? HOW OFTEN? WHAT ABOUT YOU?

VOCABULARY: Personality Opposites

If your partner doesn't know what a 'loner' is, explain it to them. In English.

- easy grader** A teacher who grades leniently, gives high grades easily. **hard grader** A teacher who grades strictly, does not give high grades easily.
- idea person** A creative person, such as an artist, writer, or movie director. **detail person** A person who is good at details: an accountant, computer programmer.
- joiner** A people person who likes meeting people, joining clubs. **loner** Can be happy alone. Goes to the movies alone. A big crowd makes them tired.
- long attention span** Can study for a long time without taking a break, 2 hours or more. **short attention span** Can only study or focus for a short time (20 minutes) then needs a break.

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PERSONALITY

Are you an overachiever or an underachiever?

Do you have any nerds or jocks in any of your classes?

Do you procrastinate or prepare ahead of time? Do you cram for exams?

Are you a weekend warrior or a social drinker?

Kind of. For example? Sort of. How so? Sometimes. When exactly? It depends. For example? Half and half. How so?



FREQUENCY

How often do you fall asleep in class?

How often do you get a text message?

How often do you lie about why you were absent?

How often do you do your homework right before class?

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DURATION

What is the longest you ever studied for a test? What grade did you make?

What is the longest class you ever had? Did you fall asleep?

What is your longest day? How many classes back to back?

How long does it take you to get to school? How long did it take you in high school?

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COMPARISON

Do you like professors who dress well or dress casually?

Do you prefer a test or a term paper?

Do you prefer big classes (many students) or small classes? Why?

Do you prefer early classes or late classes?

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EMOTIONS

Are you usually optimistic or pessimistic about your grade after you take a test?

Do any classmates (in other classes) annoy you? Make you jealous?

How do you feel about going into the army? (Already? You lucky dog.)

How do your parents feel when you bring home low grades?

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LAST/NEXT

What time did you wake up today? How long does it take you to get to school?

What will you do this weekend? On Saturday? Sunday?

What did you do last summer vacation? Where, when, who, how long?

When was your last test? How did you do?

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VOCABULARY: Personality Opposites *If your partner doesn't know what a 'weekend warrior' is, explain it to them. In English.*

- overachiever** Is average smart, but makes great grades because they study so hard. **underachiever** A smart person who does not study, so they make below their ability.
- nerd, geek** Someone very smart in science or computers but awkward socially. **jock** Someone who is very good at sports but not very smart.
- procrastinate** To delay a long time to make a decision. *I procrastinate. I'm a procrastinator.* **prepare ahead of time** To prepare ahead of time. To be prepared, diligent.
- weekend warrior** Studies well from Monday to Thursday, but drinks hard on Friday and Saturday. **social drinker** Someone who drinks mainly on social occasions, once a month.