

HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

Talk

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Quotes about talk

The best way to resolve any problem in the human world is for all sides to sit down and talk.

Thinking: the talking of the soul with itself.

It's good to talk.



Plato
philosopher



Dalai Lama
Buddhist

Saying used in
British Telecom advert

Caring thinking

Does our ability to talk enable us to appreciate more things, and to care more deeply about them? If so, how?

Collaborative thinking

Can you have collaboration without talk? Can you have talk without collaboration?



Creative thinking

How important has talking been in the development of human creativity? (Reasons and examples?)

Critical thinking

Does good decision-making depend upon good talking – especially to oneself?

Who have I had good conversations with, and what were they about?

Who should I talk more with?

How might talk and self-confidence be connected?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

What makes the difference between good talk and talk that goes wrong?

Have I listened to some good talkers, and, if so, what have I learnt from them?

Why are communication skills important?

How could I get better at communication skills?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/JmA2CIUvUY>

Talking twin babies: We might marvel at the persistence and patience of these twins with each other, but equally wonderful is how much they are communicating with gestures as well as sounds.

Talking Points

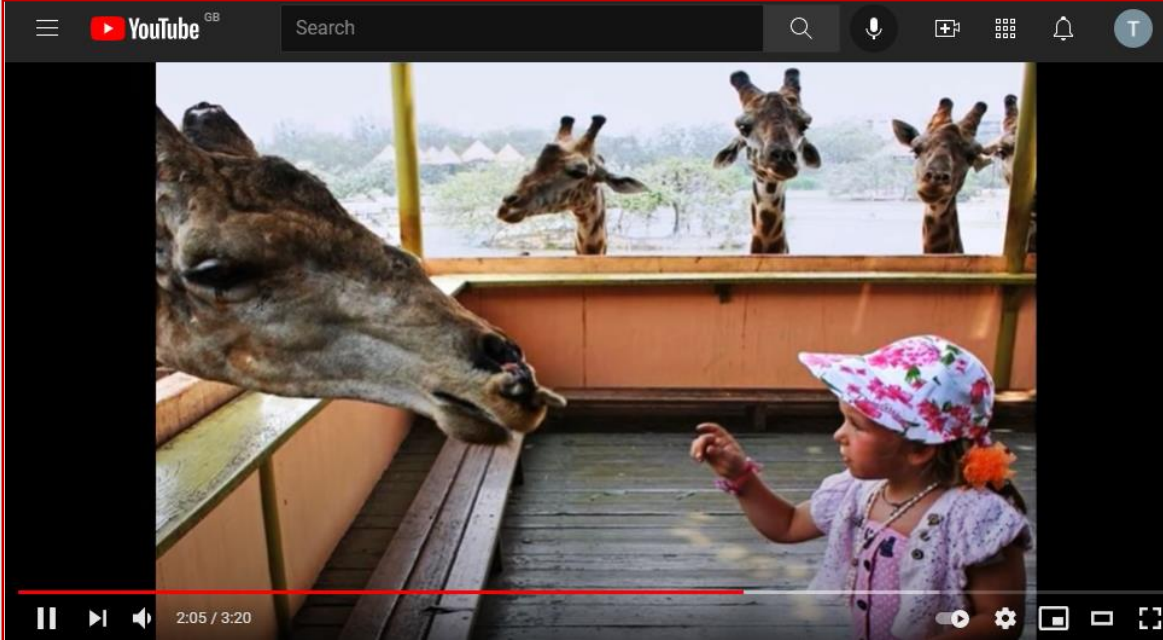
- Do you think the twins are just playing around, or are they trying to talk to each other?
- Do you think they are actually saying anything to each other? If so, what?
- When do you think you began to talk?
- Do you like talking? If so, why?

Activity

- Two of you stand or sit opposite each other, and both try to 'say' something with your face, or with your hands. Try to 'answer' each other in a helpful and friendly way.
- Then talk about how words can help you be friends with others, but also about how you can be friendly without speaking.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/jUu7pjlPsMY>

Talk to the animals: Originally sung in ‘Dr. Doolittle’, this is a more modern version by Bobby Darin.

Talking Points

- Do you think some animals can talk with each other? (Try to give reasons or examples.)
- Which animal would you most like to talk with? What could you learn by talking with them?
- How much have you learnt by hearing humans talk? Has human talk made us very different from other animals? (If so, how?)

Activity

- Pretend to be an animal in a zoo, looking at humans watching them. Speak some thoughts that the animal might be having about them.
- Draw two animals, for example a dog and a cat, and make up a conversation that they might have with each other.

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/gNHRONqCAB8>

Good to talk: The original advertisement for British Telecom, with Bob Hoskins trying to persuade viewers to subscribe to the 'Family and Friends' service.

Talking Points

- Does the film seem old-fashioned? If so, in what ways? Is its message still a good one?
- What are the best sorts (and times) of talk you have with your friends and family?
- Has the invention of mobile phones led to better, as well as more, communication?

Activity

- Make a list of at least five different words for talk(ing), e.g. chat, conversation, teaching...
- Then talk about the differences, and see if you can mime 3 different sorts of talk, so that people seeing the mime can recognise what sort of talk it is.

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