



This thinksheet supports the concepts taught in *Social Thinking Thinksheets for Tweens/Teens*

# What to Talk About When Hanging Out with Others: Ideas for Conversation Starters

<p><b>Memories shared with a specific person:</b>          Can be about a person you went to school with together          An event at school          Talking about someone you both know          A place you have both been, even if you weren't there together          A story, TV show, or movie you have both watched **</p>	<p><b>What are your memories?</b></p>
<p><b>General seasonal topics:</b>          Plans for upcoming holidays          Plans for upcoming seasons (summer vacations, snow trips, etc.)          Elections</p>	<p><b>What topics can you think of?</b></p>
<p><b>News events of interest:</b>          Earthquakes, big sports events, concerts, etc. Recent local events you saw on TV or read about on the Internet.</p>	<p><b>What news events can you think of?</b></p>
<p><b>Specific enjoyable experiences that you can share:</b>          Books you've read          Places you've gone          Things you saw during your day (a traffic accident, a funny meme)          Something you heard someone say that you thought was funny, smart, interesting          Passing along a link to an article, trending or viral video, etc.          Many other things...</p>	<p><b>What are experiences that you can talk about?</b></p>
<p><b>Other topics?</b></p>	<p><b>What topics can you provide information about?</b></p>

\*\* Part of the reason to go to movies, watch TV shows, and so on is to keep on top of what other people may also experience. This gives you more opportunities to relate to them.