

ESL Conversation Club: Pop Culture

Warm-up:

Old MacDonald had a farm, ee-eye, ee-eye-oh
And on that farm he had a cow, ee-eye, ee-eye-oh
With a moo, moo here and a moo, moo there
Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo, moo

Warm-up:

A big black bug bit a big black bear.

Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What popular movie, song, or book reminds you of your home country?• Pick a popular trend, whether it's a dance craze, fashion style, or app, and tell us where you first encountered it.• Have you ever come across a pop culture reference you didn't understand?• Who are some popular singers, actors, or artists famous in your home country? Tell us why they are famous.• Do you ever clash with older or younger generations over their pop culture preferences?• How has pop culture helped you learn English? Have you discovered new words, expressions, or even slang through movies, music, or shows?• Are there any food trends or dishes inspired by pop culture that you've tried?• Which apps, social media platforms, or online communities play a big role in your pop culture experience? Explain how they connect you to others and shape your online life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you have a favorite meme or internet joke that you find funny?• Think back to a past fashion trend that defined your childhood or teenage years.• Imagine a world where technology and pop culture have completely merged. What would life be like?• Recommend a movie, song, book, or show from your home country that you think everyone should experience.• What's a pop culture phenomenon you're passionate about?• Have you ever encountered pop culture references that seemed offensive or insensitive to your cultural background?• Predict the next big pop culture trend! Will it be a technological innovation, a viral dance craze, or a new art form?• How do you think pop culture influences society? Discuss its impact on values, communication, and even global trends. |
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Vocabulary to Practice

Definitions with Extra Details:

- popular culture/pop culture: (noun phrase) The trends, music, art, movies, and other forms of entertainment that are popular with the general public, especially young people.
- trends: (noun, plural) Current patterns or activities that are followed by many people, especially for a short period of time.
- dance craze: (noun phrase) A popular dance style or routine that is widely imitated for a short period, often associated with specific music or videos.
- app: (noun) A small computer program designed to run on a mobile device like a phone or tablet, typically focusing on a specific task or function.
- clash: (verb) To disagree or fight with someone, often about ideas or opinions.
- preferences: (noun, plural) Things that someone likes or chooses more than others.
- expressions: (noun, plural) Words or phrases that have a specific meaning or are used in a particular way.
- meme: (noun) A funny image or video that is spread quickly through the internet, often with added text or captions.
- internet joke: (noun phrase) A joke or meme that is shared and enjoyed online, often through social media or forum communities.
- merged: (past tense of "merge") (verb) To combine or join together two or more things to form a single unit.
- experience: (verb) To feel or undergo something for yourself; to live through or observe something.
- offensive: (adjective) Causing someone to feel angry, upset, or insulted.
- insensitive: (adjective) Showing a lack of understanding or care for the feelings of others.
- technological innovation: (noun phrase) A new invention or device that significantly improves existing technology or introduces new capabilities.
- viral: (adjective) Spreading quickly and widely, especially through electronic means.
- impact: (noun) The effect or influence that something has on people or events.
- values: (noun, plural) The principles or standards of behavior that are considered important or desirable by a person or group of people.
- communication: (noun) The exchange of information, ideas, or feelings between people through speech, writing, or other means.

