

# ESL Conversation Club: Then and Now

Idiom of the Week:

**Grow up.**



Tongue Twister:

Linda-Lou Lambert loves lemon lollipop lip gloss.

## Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

1. Climbing Mountains: What was a challenge for you as a kid that seems easy now? (e.g., tying shoes, riding a bike)
2. Big Decisions: Do you think it's harder for kids or adults to make decisions? Why?
3. Patience Pays Off: Were you ever impatient waiting for something as a child (e.g., birthday, Christmas)? How do you handle waiting now?
4. Tech Time Travelers: Imagine you could show your younger self some technology you use today. What would it be and why?
5. Asking for Help: Was it easier to ask for help when you were young, or is it easier now? Why or why not?
6. Facing Fears: Can you think of something you were afraid of as a kid that doesn't scare you anymore?
7. Free Time Fun: Do you have more free time now as an adult, or did you have more as a child? How do you spend your free time now?
8. Healthy Habits: Was it harder to eat healthy or stay active when you were young? Why?
9. Expressing Yourself: Do you feel more comfortable sharing your opinions and feelings now that you're an adult? Why or why not?
10. The Power of "No": Was it harder to say "no" to things as a child (e.g., chores, bedtime)? Why?
11. Understanding the World: Do you understand the world around you more now than you did as a child? Give some examples!
12. Learning New Things: Is it easier or harder to learn new things as an adult compared to being a child? Why?
13. Taking Responsibility: Do you feel you have more responsibility now that you're an adult? What are some examples?
14. Appreciating Things: Do you think adults appreciate things more than children? Why or why not?
15. Standing Up for Yourself: Was it harder to stand up for yourself or others when you were young? Why?
16. Making Friends: Do you think it's easier or harder to make friends as an adult compared to being a child? Why?
17. The Future is Bright: Do you feel more hopeful or optimistic about the future now that you're an adult? Why or why not?
18. Life Lessons Learned: What is one important life lesson you learned as an adult that you wish you knew as a child?
19. The Value of Time: Do you feel like time goes by faster as an adult compared to being a child? Why or why not?
20. Growing Up is a Journey: What do you miss most about being a child, and what do you enjoy most about being an adult?



# Vocabulary to Practice

- decisions: (noun, plural) Choices you make between different options.
- impatient: (adjective) Feeling annoyed because you have to wait for something.
- technology: (noun) Tools and machines that are used to solve problems or make life easier. (e.g., computers, phones, the internet)
- hopeful: (adjective) Feeling that good things will happen in the future.
- optimistic: (adjective) Having a positive attitude and expecting good things to happen. (similar to hopeful, but with a stronger belief)
- life lesson: (noun phrase) A valuable piece of knowledge or understanding you gain from an experience in life.

