

**conversation**[ˌkɒnvə'seɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

## 1. разговор, беседа

conversation classes - занятия по разговорной практике

to have/to hold/ a conversation with smb. - вести разговор /беседовать/ с кем-л.

to make conversation - вести светскую беседу; говорить, только чтобы не молчать

to enter /to get, to fall/ into conversation - вступить в разговор

to resume a conversation - возобновить разговор

to give a conversation another turn - перевести разговор на другую тему; переменить тему разговора

to keep up a conversation - поддерживать разговор

to conduct groups in conversation - нести разговорные кружки

## 2. неофициальные переговоры

I had several conversations with him - я имел с ним несколько неофициальных встреч

3. *жив.* жанровая картина (*мж.* conversation piece)4. *вчт.* работа ЭВМ в режиме диалога**conversation**

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**con-ver-sa-tion** [conversation conversations] *BrE* [ˌkɒnvə'seɪʃn] <sup>tr</sup> *NAmE*[ˌkɑːnvərˌseɪʃn] <sup>tr</sup> *noun* countable, uncountable ~ (with sb) (about sth)

an informal talk involving a small group of people or only two; the activity of talking in this way

- a telephone conversation
- I had a long conversation with her the other day.
- The main **topic of conversation** was the likely outcome of the election.
- Don was **deep in conversation** with the girl on his right.
- (*BrE*) to **get into conversation** with sb
- (*NAmE*) to **get into a conversation** with sb
- The conversation turned to gardening.
- I tried to **make conversation** (= to speak in order to appear polite) .
- Desperately he struggled to keep the conversation going.
- I see no point in continuing this conversation.
- She tried to steer the conversation away from the topic of marriage.
- He felt a sudden alarm at the turn the conversation was taking.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'living among, familiarity, intimacy'): via Old French from Latin *conversatio(n)*, from the verb *conversari* 'keep company (with)', from *con-* 'with' + *versare*, frequentative of *vertere* 'to turn'.

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- The conversation turned to politics .

**discussion** • • **talk** • • **chat** • • **debate** • • **consultation** • • **dialogue** • |written exchange •a/an conversation/discussion/talk/chat/debate/consultation/dialogue/exchange **about** stha/an conversation/discussion/talk/chat/debate/consultation/dialogue/exchange **with** sba/an conversation/discussion/debate/consultation/dialogue/exchange **between** two people/groups**have** a/an conversation/discussion/talk/chat/debate/consultation/dialogue/exchange**get into** (a) conversation/discussion with sbSynonyms:**discussion**

conversation • dialogue • talk • debate • consultation • chat • gossip

These are all words for an occasion when people talk about sth.

**discussion** • a detailed conversation about sth that is considered to be important: ▫ Discussions are still taking place between the two leaders.**conversation** • a talk, usually a private or informal one, involving two people or a small group; the activity of talking in this way: ▫ a telephone conversation**dialogue** • conversations in a book, play or film: ▫ The novel has long descriptions and not much dialogue. A **dialogue** is also a formal discussion between two groups, especially when they are trying to solve a problem or end a dispute: ▫ The President told waiting reporters there had been a constructive dialogue.**talk** • a conversation or discussion, often one about a problem or sth important for the people involved ▫ I had a long talk with my boss about my career prospects.**debate** • a formal discussion of an issue at a public meeting or in a parliament. In a debate two or more speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue: ▫ a debate on prison reform**consultation** • a formal discussion between groups of people before a decision is made about sth: ▫ There have been extensive consultations between the two countries.**chat** • a friendly informal conversation; informal talking. The countable use of **chat** is especially British English: ▫ I just called in for a chat about the kids.**gossip** • a conversation about other people and their private lives: ▫ We had a good gossip about the boss.a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **about** stha discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **on** sth

**in (close)** discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **with sb**  
to **have** a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **with sb**  
to **hold** a discussion/conversation/debate/consultation

### Example Bank:

- A chance conversation led to a brilliant new career for the young student.
- All conversation ceased and everyone turned around.
- All too soon the stilted conversation ran dry.
- Cara kept up a one-sided conversation.
- Don was in close conversation with the girl on his right.
- During the course of conversation, it emerged that Sheila had lived in Nigeria.
- He said that television had been the death of good conversation.
- He tried to steer the conversation away from the topic of money.
- He was waiting for her to open the conversation.
- I got into a conversation with Chris about UFOs.
- I got into conversation with one of the directors.
- I had an interesting conversation with Dick Wortley.
- I managed to bring the conversation around to why they were leaving.
- I overheard snatches of a conversation between two doctors.
- I recall a conversation in which he told me he would never leave Paris.
- I tried to make conversation with the three people around the table.
- I was courteous but didn't encourage conversation.
- I was keen to strike up a conversation with him.
- In the Western world it is polite to maintain eye contact during conversation.
- In the programme tonight we hear Dr Chris Toole in conversation with the artist Mary Witherspoon.
- It's not a subject that often crops up in casual conversation.
- Our hostess did her best to keep the conversation going.
- Police taped the conversation.
- She avoided conversation with the other passengers.
- She could hear him over the buzz of conversation and laughter.
- She ignored all my attempts at conversation.
- She turned the conversation to her work.
- The book became an instant best-seller and topic of water-cooler conversation.
- The conversation drifted away from babies.
- The conversation drifted into family chat.
- The conversation ended when the vacuum cleaner started up.
- The conversation moved on to other things.
- The conversation proceeded in French.
- The conversation turned to holidays in France.
- The main topic of conversation was the big football match.
- The two of you need to have a face-to-face conversation.
- There is an ongoing conversation in society about how we raise our children.
- There was no time for a proper conversation.
- They all relaxed and conversation flowed freely.
- They were deep in conversation and didn't notice the time.
- Think of prayer as a two-way conversation.
- We carried on a rather awkward conversation.
- We engaged in a long conversation.
- We had a long conversation about old cars.
- We had to listen to endless conversations about high prices and food shortages.
- We sat making polite conversation and feeling rather uncomfortable.
- When I tried to engage him in conversation, she always interrupted.
- When did this conversation take place?
- When you are struggling with an unfamiliar language, the simplest conversations can be misinterpreted.
- You can't hold a private conversation there.
- Young children become quickly bored by adult conversation.
- a conversation between Jane and her parents
- a conversation on the topic of activities for children
- a plain girl who had no conversation and no social graces
- listening to endless conversations about high prices and food shortages
- He struggled to keep the conversation going.
- I got into a conversation with a man on the bus.
- I tried to make polite conversation.

## conversation

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**conver**sa<sup>1</sup>tion **S1 W2** /,kɒnvə'seɪʃən \$ ,kɑːnvər-BrE <sup>4</sup> AmE <sup>4</sup> noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin conversatio, from conversari ⇒ <sup>1</sup>converse<sup>1</sup>]

[uncountable and countable] an informal talk in which people exchange news, feelings, and thoughts:  
a telephone conversation

Children quickly get bored by adult conversation.

**conversation with**

" a short conversation with the teacher

**conversation about**

" a conversation about family and friends

" They had a short conversation in German and seemed to be disagreeing about something.

" It's impossible to carry on a conversation with all this noise in the background.

" 'Did you have a good journey?' he said, trying to make conversation.

" He was silent, no matter how hard Sofia tried to engage him in conversation.

" After a while, the conversation turned to a friend's coming wedding.

" They were deep in conversation, relaxed and smiling.

" He could hear snatches of conversation from across the room.

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**THESAURUS**

- **conversation** *noun* [uncountable and countable] an informal talk in which people exchange news, feelings, and thoughts: I was having a conversation with a friend the other day. | Conversation wasn't easy because of all the noise. | He overheard our conversation about the children.
- **discussion** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a conversation about something important: There was a lot of discussion about where the money was going to come from. | The two companies have been having discussions about a possible takeover.
- **talk** *noun* [countable] a long conversation, especially about a problem or about what you plan to do: We had a long talk about our relationship.
- **chat** *noun* [countable] *especially British English* an informal friendly conversation: I've just had a chat with Vinnie.
- **natter** *noun* [singular] *British English informal* a conversation with a friend about unimportant things: Mary and Jean were having a cup of tea and a natter.
- **gossip** *noun* [singular, uncountable] conversations in which people talk about things they have heard, especially about other people's private lives, which may well not be true: She always enjoyed going to friends' houses and having a gossip. | It's all just gossip.
- **small talk** *noun* [uncountable] polite friendly conversation about unimportant subjects, especially when you do not know someone very well and feel a little nervous: We stood around making small talk about the weather.
- **banter** *noun* [uncountable] friendly conversation in which people joke with each other and gently make fun of each other: She enjoyed the friendly banter with her colleagues at the office.

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