

Subject questions free speaking

Talk for at least one or two minutes about a time you interacted with many people such as one of the situations below. Your partner will listen without interrupting then ask for more details with questions like those on the next page.

- A banquet
- A business meeting
- A celebration
- A ceremony (e.g. graduation ceremony)
- A club event
- A committee (e.g. a local resident's association meeting)
- A concert
- A court (of law)
- A festival (e.g. summer festival)
- A funeral/ A wake
- A group date
- A lesson/ A workshop
- A meal
- A natural disaster (e.g. an earthquake)
- A negotiation
- A networking event
- A parade/ A procession
- A party (e.g. a housewarming party)
- A performance
- A picnic
- A political event
- A protest/ A demonstration
- A PTA meeting
- A speech
- A sporting event
- A teleconference/ A video conference
- A trade fair
- A visit to... (e.g. a hospital, a temple)
- A wedding
- A wedding reception
- An argument/ A fight
- An interview
- Being introduced to some people
- Going out for drinks
- Sharing a house
- Some work
- Staying at a hotel
- Staying at someone's house
- The first day at...
- The first week at...
- Trying to sell something
- Volunteering

Suggested questions

- Who did you speak to?
- What did you say to him/ her?
- How did you reply?
- Who spoke to you?
- Who started the conversation?
- Who spoke more?
- Whose party/ home/ office was it?
- Who invited you?/ Who did you invite?
- What did you do (next)?/ What happened (next)?
- What did you say/ write (about...)?
- Who did you talk to about it?/ Who did you tell about it?
- Who recommended it to you?/ Who told you about it?/ Who suggested it to you?
- Who told you that...?/ Who said that...?
- Who was in charge of...?/ Who was responsible for...?
- Who did you...?/ Who... (you)?

Ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand, couldn't answer, etc, working together to answer those questions about your experiences each time.

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What is similar about the questions in the left column below? How are they different from the phrases in the right?

Who invited you?	Who did you invite?
Who recommended it to you?	Who did you speak to?
Who spoke more?	Who did you talk to about it?
Who spoke to you?	Who did you tell about it?
Who started the conversation?	
Who told you that...?/ Who said that...?	

What would be the long answer to each question above?

What would the short answer be each time? Put brackets around the words in the long answer which are not needed in the short answer.

Is the short answer the subject of the long answer or object of the long answer? How does that vary by the category of question above?

Which set of questions above have the name "subject questions", do you think?

Which of these two is a subject question?

- What did you do (next)?
- What happened (next)?

Why are questions with that verb usually subject questions?